

Arabian horse show opens

MAN (Petra) — The Fifth International Arabian Horse Show opened Wednesday under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor at the Royal Stables in the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein, president of the Royal Jordanian Arabian Horse Association and head of the organizing committee. More than 170 horses from Jordan, Syria, Qatar, The United Arab Emirates, France, Britain and the U.S. are participating in the five-day event, which started its second day Tuesday. Queen Noor distributed trophies and medals to winners of Tuesday's competitions. The inauguration ceremony attended by Their Royal Highnesses Princess Zein Bint Al Hussein, Princess Iman Bint Al Hussein and Princess Rania Al Abdullah, in addition to Interior Minister Salameh Hammoud and several ambassadors and officials.

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Crown Prince meets Netanyahu in London, welcomes Likud stand

Meeting has no bearing on ongoing Jordan-Israeli peace talks — Prince

by a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

MAN — His Royal High-Crown Prince Hassan on Tuesday met with Israeli opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu and welcomed his party's support for the peace process between Jordan and Israel.

The Jordan News Agency, the between the Crown Prince and the Likud leader, held at the Jordanian embassy in London. The Crown Prince arrived London late Tuesday for a trip to Britain and France. During the visits, he will meet the U.N. where he attend the U.N. General Assembly meeting and also with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, officials said in Amman. He said the Crown Prince and Mr. Netanyahu, took over the leadership of Likud after former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir stepped down in 1992, exchanged views on matters of return to Jordan and that Crown Prince conveyed Mr. Netanyahu Jordan's views on the developments in the peace process. The peace was launched in October 1991 when Likud leading the Israeli government. In 1992 elections, Mr. Netanyahu defeated Likud and became prime minister.

Following the signing of the Washington Declaration that ended a 46-year state of belligerency between Jordan and Israel, the leadership of Likud met and voted with an overwhelming majority in support of the declaration.

Mr. Netanyahu also sent a message to His Majesty King Hussein expressing support for the Kingdom's moves towards making peace with Israel in a clear indication that some of the Likud hard-liners' argument that "Jordan is Palestine" did not have party backing.

Furthermore, Likud legislators also voted en masse in support of the Washington Declaration in the Knesset (Israeli parliament).

Following the London meeting, the Crown Prince told Jordan Television: "I would like to thank Likud for its clear support for the concept of comprehensive peace between Jordan and Israel."

The Likud's position is clear now, following the Washington Declaration," he said. "The Israeli opposition now supports the Rabin government in its drive to reach a comprehensive peace with Israel and Mr. Netanyahu sent a clear message to this effect to Jordan expressing Likud's willingness to support the peace efforts."

The Crown Prince emphasized that the London meeting had no bearing on the ongoing Jordanian-Israeli peace negotiations. "I would like to thank Likud for its clear support for the concept of comprehensive peace between Jordan and Israel."

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His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday accepts a gift from a delegation representing the Israeli Arab community (Petra photo)

King meets Israeli Arab team, hopes for peace for all

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein said on Wednesday that the Middle East peace process was following a serious course, and "with God's help, we will soon attain good results of the efforts aimed at settling all outstanding issues in a drive to reach a just and durable peace."

In comments to Petra, the Crown Prince noted that the negotiations were between the governments of Jordan and Israel conducted by their representatives and aim at achieving a just peace that would benefit the two peoples as well as all the region's peoples.

The prince said the signing of a full peace treaty between Jordan and Israel depends on the progress of the negotiations.

Crown Prince Hassan also reiterated that the ongoing Jordanian-Israeli negotiations had no bearing on the other — Syrian-Israeli, Lebanese-Israeli and Palestinian-Israeli — tracks of the peace process.

Asked whether he expected Likud to follow the same course of peace if it achieves power in Israel, the Crown Prince declined comment saying he would not "speculate" on behalf of Mr.

Welcoming the delegation at the Royal Court, King Hussein said Jordan had been following up with deep appreciation the Palestinian people's steadfastness and refusal to leave their lands and their quest for their rights and their affiliation to their Arab roots.

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Garang says war to go on

NAIROBI (R) — Sudanese rebel chief John Garang said on Tuesday he was going back to the bush again to fight the Islamist government in Khartoum as the latest African peace initiative ran out of steam.

The presidents of Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Eritrea vowed to struggle on with their campaign to revive talks that collapsed two weeks ago when Khartoum refused to compromise its stand on self-determination for the south and the separation of state and religion.

"Clearly the deadlock in the talks is due to the intransigence of the government," Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) chief Garang told reporters in Nairobi.

"Khartoum can never be cut off. Khartoum makes an issue of towns, but these are towns we captured from them and can just as easily leave," Col. Garang, a 50-year-old former army officer, said.

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will have no road supply route to Uganda, a crucial backer of the rebels, but Col. Garang vowed that the war could still be waged in the vast bushlands of the south.

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Bank to probe Lonrho sale of Lockerbie film

LONDON (AFP) — The Bank of England has undertaken an investigation to determine if Lonrho breached United Nations sanctions by selling a film about the Lockerbie bombing to an Egyptian company with Libyan links, the *Financial Times* said on Wednesday.

The probe is important in the battle between the Lonrho conglomerate and Tiny Rowland, who has a 30 percent interest in the distribution company.

An investigation into the film is being carried out by the Bank of England's Emergency Unit, whose role is to ensure that financial aspects of U.N. sanctions are not breached by entities.

For the latest version of sanctions introduced on October 1 last year, British companies are required to obtain the bank's permission before dealing with a Libyan person or entity.

The bank's permission in this case was not granted, according to the F.T. The nearly completed film allegedly argues that the Libyans were not responsible for the bombing of a Pan Am plane, which exploded over

the United Nations-imposed sanctions on Tripoli in 1992 after it refused to hand over two suspects for trial in either Britain or the United States.

The film's £632,948 (\$949,422) budget was financed by Lonrho's Metropole subsidiary, which is a third owned by the Libyan Arab Finance Company, said the paper.

Earlier this year, after Mr. Rowland complained about Lonrho's involvement in the film, it was sold to a Cairo-based firm, the Joint Arab International Investment Company (JAICO) for £200,000 (\$300,000).

In April a British branch of Barclays Bank received a payment of £199,999 from the Cairo branch of Arab International Bank.

But the signature on the sale agreement, on behalf of JAICO, was Mohammad Al Huwej, chairman of LAFICO, the main investment vehicle of the Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Qadhafi.

Because of the apparent connection between JAICO and LAFICO, Mr. Rowland was formally requested by Metropole to obtain a written statement from Mr. Huwej on his relationship with JAICO.

It is not known whether one was provided, said the *Financial Times*.

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SLOGANS OF PEACE: A civil painter paints a portrait of Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad, featuring the pacifist

statement "Peace is a noble aim and a precious goal," on a wall of Damascus airport (AFP photo)

Turkey's premier urges by-elections this year

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller on Tuesday called for by-elections to fill 22 vacant seats in parliament, emptied largely with the June closing of a pro-Kurdish party on charges of separatism.

Ms. Ciller, whose True Path Party (DYP) is unlikely to gain many seats, said much remained to be done and ruled out the possibility of an early general election. The next election must be held by autumn 1996.

The legislature had been scheduled to vote on the resignation of a DYP deputy — bringing the number of vacancies to 23 — but Ms. Ciller changed her mind after Ms. Ciller's speech.

Likely dates for the by-elections were Nov. 27 or Dec. 4, parliamentary sources said. The legislature must still approve her election plan.

Ms. Ciller shrugged off rumors that her coalition

with the Social Democrat People's Party (SHP) was about to crack after newspapers this weekend suggested she was flirting with the main opposition Motherland Party (ANAP) and that she should surrender to ANAP's demand for an early general election.

"The coalition is up and running," she said.

Ms. Ciller's announcement came amid speculation she would be forced to a by-election by a constitutional requirement that polls be held within three months of 23 seats becoming vacant.

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Although few extra seats are very likely to go the way of Ms. Ciller's government, the forthcoming polls are largely her own doing, since

she strongly supported a constitutional court ruling to ban the pro-Kurdish Democracy Party (DEP) on June 16.

This stripped its 13 members of their seats, and channeled some support, particularly in the mainly-Kurdish southeast, for the pro-Islamic Welfare Party (RP), which polled 18.3 per cent in the March regional elections.

The RP is again seeking a good showing, having gained in the southeast after DEP's withdrawal from the March polls to add to its surprise victories in Ankara and Istanbul.

Six of the vacancies stem from deaths, including DEP Deputy Mehmet Sincar, who was gunned down by unknown killers in a street in the southeastern town of Batman.

The only DYP vacancy came when then party leader and Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel became president in May 1993.

Ms. Ciller could still take a slice of the DEP cake, due to the large number of state-paid village guards and security forces in the southeast, where she has stepped up Turkey's battle with the separatist Kurdish Labour Party (PKK).

More than 12,900 have been killed in 10-year fight with the PKK.

Ms. Ciller's call calmed financial markets, which had fretted about the political uncertainties. The Istanbul stock market gained almost five per cent, in part on the elections news.

Ms. Ciller also sought to dispel fears at home and abroad that election spending would derail efforts to put the economy back on track. In the first year of a stand-by deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

"We cannot implement an election economy to election country," she said.

3 British soldiers remain in Cypriot police custody

LARNACA (Agencies) — A court on Wednesday ordered three British soldiers held a further eight days to enable police to complete their investigations into last week's kidnapping and murder of a Danish tour guide.

The soldiers have been in custody since Louise Jensen's disappearance Sept. 13 and police say the three have confessed to the 23-year-old woman's murder.

Jensen was seized by three men who attacked her and a male friend as the pair rode a motorcycle in the popular beach resort of Ayia Napa, police say.

Mr. Christou said police were investigating possible charges of premeditated murder and kidnapping with intent to murder.

He described Jensen's slaying as "one of the most brutal crimes committed in Cyprus" since last year when a Ukrainian dancer and Swede married to a Cypriot died in similar fashion, also in Ayia Napa.

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were serving with the 1st battalion of the Royal Greenjackets Regiment.

During Wednesday's 30-minute hearing, the soldiers, dressed in civilian clothes, stood stiffly with their hands clasped behind their backs as Police Inspector Markos Christou sought their confession.

The soldiers, each of whom is being represented by a separate Cypriot attorney, were transported to the Larnaca court from the Nicosia central prison in separate police cars. Each was handcuffed to a police officer.

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had been taken 30 depositions and needed time to get 30 to 40 more to complete his case against the soldiers.

The court heard that the three were arrested for having "disorderly" and after refusing to show their identities to a policeman who stopped the mini-moke they were driving.

They were yelling and swearing at the policeman who stopped them and asked for identities. One of them also slapped a second policeman who came to help his colleague, Mr. Christou told the court.

He also said that the one who slapped the policeman was Ford, a heavy-built, tattooed soldier who was previously arrested last Aug. 13 for drunken brawling at a pub in Ayia Napa.

During that incident a British musician was so badly cut after Ford allegedly threw a broken bottle at his face that he had to receive 32 stitches.

Ford is expected to appear in a local court for this incident in December.

A police source told Reuters investigators were still examining the possibility that Jensen, whose body was flown back to Denmark this week, had also been raped

before her death.

A basic chaplain and a British woman who belongs to a support group for the prisoners said they had talked to the soldiers.

Judge Adonis Indians allowed the extension without comment.

The proceedings took place in a small courtroom jammed with more than 100 spectators, most of whom stood at the back of the room because of the lack of seats.

After the hearing, the soldiers hid their faces in the crooks of their arms as they passed through a battery of news photographers to get to the police vehicles that took them back to their jail cells in Nicosia, Cyprus' capital.

Once in the vehicles, they bent down to hide their faces from the photographers who tried to take their pictures through the car windows.

No mention was made in the court of the soldiers' psychiatric examination Tuesday. The procedure reportedly is standard procedure for any person suspected of a serious offence.

The Jensen case has shocked this island where violent crime is rare. Usually only four or five murders are reported a year, generally a result of crimes of passion within a family.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dubai's airline signs for third Airbus

ABU DHABI (AP) — Dubai's national airline Emirates has leased a third Airbus jetliner to be delivered in April next year to meet its demand for extra capacity. Commercial Director Tim Clark announced Tuesday. Maurice Flanagan, Emirates managing director, has signed a contract in Seattle with Steve Udvar-Hazy, president and chief executive officer of the U.S.-based International Lease Financing Corporation for the Airbus A310-300. "This third Airbus will provide us with the extra capacity we require and will gradually take over the work of our Boeing 727s," Mr. Clark said. Earlier this year, Emirates leases an Airbus A310-300, delivered in July, and an A300-600 from Airbus Industrie which is expected in March. The third Airbus will boost Emirates' fleet to 18 aircraft — 10 A310-300s, six A300-600Rs and two Boeing 727s.

Irish unit returns home from Somalia

DUBLIN (AFP) — The final contingent of Irish troops which had been serving in United Nations forces in Somalia arrived in Dublin Tuesday night, government sources said. The 81 members of the Irish 2nd Transport Company had been stationed in the Horn of Africa country as part of the U.N. mission to bring relief supplies and seek to restore peace, and worked closely with the Indian and French contingents. Three officers have remained in Mogadishu to carry out administrative work. Earlier this year, the Irish government decided that the 2nd Transport Unit, serving as the last sizeable Western contingent with the United Nations forces in Somalia, would pull out in September.

Abed Rabbo attends Israeli theatre

AKKO (AP) — Yasser Abed Rabbo, the culture minister in the Palestinian self-rule government, on Tuesday attended the opening of a theatre festival in Israel. "I hope that my coming here will pave the road for better relations between Palestinians and Israelis and help implement the objectives of the peace agreement," Mr. Abed Rabbo told reporters. Mr. Abed Rabbo had been invited to the Akko Festival of Alternative Theatre by his Israeli counterpart, Culture Minister Shulamit Aloni, a leading dove and an advocate of talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Mr. Abed Rabbo said he planned to launch a culture festival in the autonomous West Bank town of Jericho in the spring.

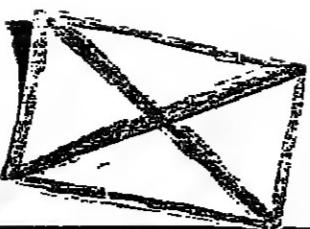
S. Arabia, U.S. committed to peace

DUBAI (R) — President Clinton has told Saudi Arabian King Fahd that he looks forward to continued cooperation with Riyadh on Middle East peace, regional stability and economic development, the official Saudi Press Agency said on Tuesday. In a message to King Fahd for the occasion of Saudi National Day which falls on Friday, Mr. Clinton was quoted as praising "the great contributions emanating from Saudi-American cooperation to the benefit of regional security and stability."

Mr. Clinton added: "We are looking forward to continue this fruitful dealing between our two nations concerning our joint commitment towards peace in the Middle East, regional stability and economic development," SPA said. King Fahd in his reply to Mr. Clinton that "distinguished historical links between our two countries and peoples... have contributed to the strengthening of security and stability in the region," the agency said. He added that "the joint interests and goals bringing our two countries and peoples together necessitate that we carry on work jointly to achieve comprehensive and constructive cooperation in all fields," SPA said.

Turks accused of killing neo-Nazi go on trial

BERLIN (AFP) — The trial of six Turks and a German accused of murdering a German neo-Nazi got underway amid tight security here Tuesday, an AFP correspondent said. The seven men, whose ages range from 19 to 33, are charged with involvement in the murder of Gerhard Kaindl, a secretary of the far-right German League for the Nation and the Fatherland. Kaindl was stabbed three times by masked men at a neo-Nazi gathering in a Chinese restaurant here in April 1992. One of the defendants, a 19-year-old, gave himself up to police in November 1993 and implicated the rest of the accused, several of whom are members of far-left Kurds, the party, the Anti-Fascist Youth. Around 10 far-left demonstrators protested outside the courthouse Tuesday as the trial opened. Armed police stood inside and outside the building carried out strict security checks on everyone coming in, delaying entrance to the public gallery by several hours. Carsten Pagel, a former local official for the larger far-right Republican Party, who was sitting at Kaindl's table, said the attack was meant for him. Kaindl's party, founded in 1991, has won several seats in local government, thanks to electoral pacts with other far-right organisations. According to the German security services, it has around 900 members.



A PUSH FOR MORE LINES: Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Wednesday meets with officials at the Ministry of Post and Communications and urges them to expand telephone services and provide more lines to businesses located on Wasfi Tell Street (formerly Gardens) as well as in the Ras Al Ain industrial zone at Naour. Dr. Majali said the ministry should provide telephone lines to major factories and investment companies as

well as regional offices of various organisations in a bid to encourage investments in the Kingdom. He said the automatic telephone exchange in Aqaba should be boosted by at least 1,000 additional lines, and the electronic exchange serving the Sahab Industrial City should be developed to help promote the activities of the industrial concerns established there (Petra photo).

Government plans to increase cost of state-supplied water to farmers

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The government is planning to increase the cost of state-supplied water to farmers for agricultural purposes as part of reforms in the various sectors towards restructuring the economy, informed sources said Wednesday.

They said that farmers would have to pay 15 fils per cubic metre of water used for agricultural purposes when the increases take effect before the end of this year. No rise in the cost of drinking water is planned, they said.

The increase will become effective immediately after the government and the World Bank sign a \$70 million to \$75 million agricultural loan to help reform the farming sector of the Kingdom as part of the restructuring programme agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

No immediate official comment was available

from the government on the proposed increase or the World Bank loan.

One source told the Jordan Times: "Discussions with the World Bank on the credit have reached an advanced stage, and the loan agreement could be signed in the next two months."

The sectoral reforms in Jordan supervised by the World Bank aim at raising the cost efficiency of all sectors by realigning the various factors at work, including tariffs.

The IMF and World Bank see the water cost of farmers as ridiculous since it represents less than 10 per cent of the actual costs involved for pumping and distributing water to the agriculture sector.

More than 70 per cent of all water used in Jordan goes to the farming sector.

The World Bank-proposed reforms involve major changes in the agricultural pattern, starting with a shift to less water-consuming crops. For instance,

growers of banana, one of the crops that requires a high quantity of water, would be encouraged to gradually cultivate other fruits and vegetables that require less water, sometimes as low as one third or half of the quantity needed for banana plantations.

Those who still insist on not moving away from the traditional crops that have been taxing the country's scarce water resources will switch themselves when they find others reaping better harvests at higher prices of other crops," said an expert. "In the meantime, they will also be paying a little bit more realistic price of water."

"The state cannot continue to extend support by blindly making up the difference between the actual cost of water and the charge levied from the farmers," said another expert.

"It is simply defeating efforts for self-reliance since there will not be incentive for farmers to improve their crops. For instance,

many years, they have been relaxed with the assurance that water costs are not a problem. But the reality was that the government was paying for their water."

It makes more sense to produce high-yield crops at lower costs to the benefit of the farmer rather than sticking to established norms and practices which are in effect a major hurdle in the country's move towards basic reforms."

The reforms also envisage improvements in the marketing of produce through setting up specialised institutions to handle the purchases from farmers.

The expected \$70 million-\$75 million World Bank loan for the agricultural sector will be co-financed by a foreign government, most probably Germany.

The loan will raise World Bank credit to Jordan in the last two years to \$200 million. World Bank loans

normally carry commercial interest rates on a "cost-plus" basis — meaning commercial bank interest rates for long-term loans plus a small percentage to foot the cost of acquiring and dispersing the amount.

But the actual interest that the beneficiary country will pay will be less than the commercial rates since the co-financing government will levy nominal interest, thus bringing down the actual rate to slightly more than half the rate charged by commercial banks.

In 1994, the World Bank signed two major loan agreements with Jordan. The first provides \$100 million with an equal amount from the government of Japan to help implement reforms in the energy sector. The second involves \$35 million to the telecommunications sector. This amount would be used by the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) in an expansion programme estimated to cost more than JD 200 million.

Geographic centre, ESCWA to produce hydrological map

By Khattab Salman
Special to the Jordan Times

Jordanian — The Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre (RJGC) Wednesday announced it would sign a contract Thursday with the Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia (ESCWA) to produce a hydrological map and assessment of water resources in the ESCWA region using remote sensing techniques.

The contract will be signed at ESCWA's headquarters tomorrow by Director General of RJGC Mohammad Al-Haleefah, and Executive Secretary General of ESCWA, Sahar Bakjat. JGS spokesperson Samir Al-Habibi told the Jordan Times.

"The RJS won the tender for the project after bidding in a public tender in the ESCWA region's countries as floated in 1992," Mr. Al-Habibi said.

He added that the \$375,000 contract is expected to be finished by the end of 1995.

The maps should show details on ground water flow patterns, water quality, water table, aquifer boundaries, exist-

ing development areas, and potential areas for future development, Mr. Al-Habibi said.

"They will include ESCWA's regional hydrological map showing the major catchment areas, drainage lines, major rivers, lakes and other major water bodies. They will also include ESCWA's regional hydrogeological map showing major aquifers, flow patterns and other hydrogeologically relevant features, and maps showing major shared ground water basins such as the Ordovician ground water basin shared between Jordan and Saudi Arabia; Damman aquifer shared between Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Iraq and Bahrain, and the carbonate rock aquifer (upper Cretaceous-Paleocene) shared between Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Syria," he explained.

The work assignment of the contract will include formulating options for water resources development and management focusing on shared water resources with special emphasis on the mentioned basins.

The RJGC will also forward the project's outcome and activities to an expert group meeting for the purpose of evaluation, as well as making available the facilities required, including lecturing and vocational training through a 10-day workshop on remote sensing (RS) and geographic information system (GIS) technologies, as applied in the project for trainees from the ESCWA's countries, according to Mr. Al-Habibi.

The work assignment will also include providing RS data (photos, tapes), with adequate aerial and seasonal cloud coverage and adequate scales to fulfill the project objectives, obtain hydrological, hydrogeological, and land use data for the ESCWA region as required for the project with the assistance of ESCWA's conventional hydrogeological and hydrological data, and analyze and interpret, in an integrated manner, using the GIS technology, the RS data and the ground information in order to produce the necessary maps of water resources and related natural resources, he said.

U.S. grants \$7.6m to enhance services at Kingdom's major historical sites

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Planning Hisham Khath, U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Wesley W. Egan, and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Director of Mission in Jordan William T. Oliver Wednesday signed an agreement granting the Kingdom an initial \$7.6 million for the new five-year Cultural and Environmental Resources Management project.

According to a U.S. embassy statement, an additional \$4.4 million will be granted over the life of the project.

The Cultural and Environmental Resources Management project, which will be implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and selected non-governmental organisations, will help preserve specific cultural and archaeological sites in Jordan, improve services provided to visitors and ensure that the communities at those sites benefit from the new economic opportunities provided by the increased number of visitors.

The project will also highlight the importance of the sites in Jordan through explanatory panels and educational programmes.

Three sites, Petra, the Amman Citadel and Madaba, will benefit during the first phase of this project. Other sites will be designated to benefit during the second phase.

Also Wednesday, the three officials signed an amendment to a \$6 million grant agreement between the U.S. and Jordan.

The amendment provides

care personnel.

Another aspect of the FHS project is the creation of a model quality improvement and cost-containment programme.

The pilot programme is being developed and tested at the Salt Hospital and selected primary and comprehensive health centres in the Balqa region.

If the pilot programme is found successful after careful evaluation, it will be implemented in the other regions of the Kingdom.

Zarqa police arrest 11 burglary suspects

By Rana Hussein
Special to the Jordan Times

ZARQA — Zarqa police Wednesday announced the arrest over a three-week period of 11 suspects responsible for 73 burglaries in different parts of Zarqa, according to Brigadier Abdul Kader Oran, director of the Zarqa Police Department.

Brig. Oran said the latest arrest took place on Sept. 19, when police apprehended three juveniles, all aged 15, suspected of burglarising more than 37 houses during the daytime in Zarqa suburbs.

He said that the three suspects would knock at victim's homes; if they received an answer, they would claim that they were seeking houses for rent; if not, he added, they would break into the house, steal jewellery and electronic equipment and escape.

"Our investigations led us to three juveniles who were staying at Osama Bin Zaid Juvenile Centre, and after questioning them they confessed," he said during a press conference.

Brig. Oran said that the juveniles led him to a 33-year-old man, who they said was giving them information on which houses to target.

Moreover, the official added that the man would take the stolen goods and sell them. He used four women to sell the jewellery in Zarqa and Amman, Brig. Oran

said.

The police director called on anyone who was burglarised to go to Zarqa Police Department to identify their stolen goods.

Brig. Oran said that the authorities also arrested one person in Zarqa in his early 20s responsible for burglarising shops in downtown Zarqa.

According to Brig. Oran, Zarqa police received several complaints almost daily in the past two weeks from shopkeepers who said that they had been burglarised.

He said that after days of monitoring the area, they arrested a young man while he was attempting to break down the door of one of the shops.

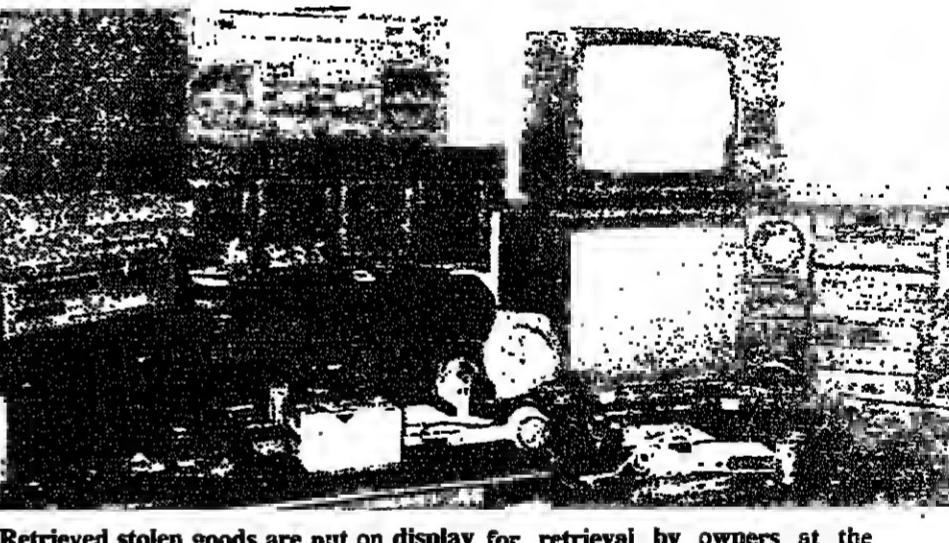
"After we arrested him, he confessed to all 15 shop burglaries and he re-enacted the crimes," he said.

Zarqa police also apprehended a man who was burglarising houses in the daytime in Al Hussein suburb in Zarqa.

On Sept. 17, police received complaints from individuals about someone stealing construction materials.

Brig. Oran said two suspects were involved in the theft of building materials from 13 construction sites.

According to Brig. Oran, most of the suspects had previous records and were unemployed. He did not identify any of the suspects, but said they resided in Zarqa.



Retrieved stolen goods are put on display for retrieval by owners at the Zarqa Police Department

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Health workers head for Yemen

JORDAN (J.T.) — A 22-member medical team including doctors, surgeons, technicians and nurses Wednesday left for Sanaa to take charge of a hospital and offer medical assistance to the Yemeni people, mainly those wounded in the civil war.

The team will offer integrated services at the Sanaa hospital before moving on to Aden to take charge of the management of a hospital here, said Abdul Salam Al-Ahmedi, minister of Awqaf and Islamic affairs, who saw the medical team off.

The group, which was organised by the Jordanian Hashemite Charitable Organisation in cooperation with the health ministry and the Jordan Medical Association (JMA), includes health care workers of different specialisations, said Dr. Al-Ahmedi.

Dr. Al-Ahmedi said that the team has been supplied with medical equipment and medicines for the two hospitals' needs.

His Royal Highness Prince Ghazi Ben Mohammad saw



Medical cargo Wednesday is prepared for transport to Yemen by a group of volunteer health workers headed for Aden and Sanaa to help wounded victims of the civil war (Petra photo)

the team off on behalf of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan who is on a visit to Europe.

JMA President Ishaq Maraqi told the Jordan Times that various professional associations in Jordan participated in covering the cost of the equipment and medicine being sent to Yemen.

He said that the JMA's

Folkloric Dances

★ Circassian folkloric performance at the Royal Cultural Centre on Thursday and Friday at 8:00 p.m.

FIELD TRIP

★ Field trip organised by the Friends of Archaeology (FOA) to Ajloun and Zouba Nature Reserve on Friday. Departure will be from the FOA centre in private cars at 9:00 a.m.

FILMS

★ Film entitled "The Right Stuff" at the American Center on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. (193 minutes).

★ Spanish film entitled "Carmen" at the Instituto Cervantes (the Spanish Cultural Centre) on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (Tel. 610838).

FESTIVAL

★ Festival entitled "Festival of Cooperation and Belong-

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ing" on the YWCA's 25th anniversary at the YWCA premises, Third Circle on Friday (9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.).

CONCERT

★ Concert at the Royal Cultural Centre on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

POETRY RECITAL

★ Poetry recital by Poet Jabra Ibrahim Jabra entitled "Scent of Rock" (accompanied by live music) at the Byzantine Church site off Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh at 7:00 p.m.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

★ Musical performance by musician Walid Al Hashim at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

S. African Zulu politicians defy king



Mangosuthu Buthelezi

DURBAN, South Africa (R) — Zulu politicians said Wednesday they would go ahead with weekend tribal celebrations in defiance of their king, despite fears this could spark violence within South Africa's biggest ethnic group.

King Goodwill Zwelithini Tuesday severed ties with the country's leading Zulu politician, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and cancelled next weekend's Sba Day celebrations marking the founding of the Zulu nation.

But KwaZulu-Natal Premier Frank Mdlalose, provincial leader of Mr. Buthelezi's Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, made clear the celebrations would go ahead anyway.

"The premier is pressing ahead and the function will go ahead," provincial spokesman Thembenkosi Memela told Reuters.

Mr. Memela said Mr. Mdlalose had given orders that the celebrations honouring the early 19th century Zulu warrior King Shaka should take place Saturday and Sunday.

He said plans were too far advanced for them to be cancelled. But he also said fresh bloodletting could break out in the killing fields of KwaZulu-Natal.



The bodies of Rwandan refugees lay in a mass grave outside the eastern Zairean town of Goma. The refugees have not been buried for four days due to a dispute involving their relatives and Zairean soldiers, seeking part of the money paid to give diggers (AFP photo)

U.N. finds another Rwanda massacre site

KIGALI, Rwanda (Agencies) — U.N. troops have found another massacre site in southwest Rwanda, this one containing the badly decomposed corpses of 4,000 people, a U.N. official said Wednesday.

At least 2,000 of the victims lay unburied at Gafunzo, near the shores of Lake Kivu about 125 kilometres (76 miles) southwest of Kigali, said U.N. military spokesman Major Jean-Guy Plante.

The bodies, reported by a U.N. patrol Tuesday, were in a state of advanced decomposition, indicating the massacre occurred during ethnic slaughter that began in April, Maj. Plante said.

About half the victims were buried in a mass grave. U.N. officials did not say if the victims were members of the Hutu majority or the Tutsi minority tribes.

Civilian Hutu militias, many of whom fled to refugee camps in Zaire, have been blamed for the deaths of at least 500,000 people, most of them from the minority Tutsi ethnic group, since April.

"This is an old incident," Maj. Plante said. No further details were available.

Earlier this month, an Australian U.N. military medical team reported finding about 1,400 decomposed corpses at separate site, also in southwest Rwanda near the Zaire border.

The grim discoveries are the latest of several massacre sites located by U.N. peacekeepers in recent weeks.

About 400 corpses were

found in a church at Ntarama, 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of Kigali recently, a few kilometres from another mass grave containing 600 bodies.

U.N. officials say entire families were wiped out, and local communities either fled or didn't dare organise burial groups.

Most massacre victims were hacked or bludgeoned to death with machetes and clubs during ethnic killings triggered by the assassination of Hutu President Juvenal Habyarimana on April 6.

Tutsi-led rebels of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) fought their way to power in July.

From June 23 through August, French troops cordoned off a safe zone in southwest Rwanda to provide refuge for Rwandans fleeing the fighting.

An estimated 450,000 displaced Rwandans settled in the southwest as some 2 million refugees flocked across the border into neighbouring countries.

The U.N. is scheduled next week to launch Operation Homeward Bound, a programme to transport about 4,000 people a day from the southwest to their homes in the east of the country.

A British convoy carried about 1,000 people out of camps for the displaced in the southwest Monday, about half the number U.N. officials had hoped to move.

"A rumour of reprisal killings were around the camps the night before. It was a disastrous campaign to stop people leaving," said Maj.

Mark Hiscuit, a British spokesman.

In refugee camps in neighbouring Zaire, Hutu extremists have killed refugees planning to return home to live under the new Tutsi-led government.

A grenade attack by an unknown assailant on a market killed five Rwandan refugees, setting off a riot among refugees who have become increasingly militant, officials said Wednesday.

The refugees fought Zairean soldiers, who restored order at the Chimanga camp after about an hour Tuesday, but worried U.N. refugee officials were rushing their chief security adviser to the camp.

"It was a very serious security incident, and we are afraid that the rioting may spread to other areas," Captain Declan O'Brien, a member of the Irish Army contingent in Zaire, told the Associated Press.

Chimanga, 80 kilometres from Bukavu in eastern Zaire, is home to 15,000 Hutu refugees.

Capt. O'Brien said 20 people were wounded when someone lobbed a grenade at the marketplace, which is adjacent to the camp.

No deaths or injuries were reported in the riot, Lyndalla Sachs, a spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said she had no other details.

The riot reflects a growing militancy among the refugees, which would be a serious security concern, said Ms. Sachs.

"Such incidents indeed

make us worry a lot, as they are a reflect recipe for starting a chain of security incidents," she said.

Meanwhile, U.N. officials reported that Hutus who have returned to their homes in Rwanda are coming back to the camps in Zaire.

At least 470 Hutu refugees came back to Zaire in the past four days, Ms. Sachs said. She said they were harassed in Rwanda, but did not give details of why they returned to Zaire.

In the past month, an estimated 45,000 Hutu refugees have gone back to Rwanda, most of them women, children and old people.

Meanwhile a group of Japanese soldiers left Wednesday to help Rwandan relief efforts, underscoring Japan's desire to serve as a non-combatant in United Nations peacekeeping operations.

The 23 Japanese soldiers, accompanied by their defence minister, are the advance guard for a party that will join the international operation to care for millions of refugees.

They departed on the same day that Foreign Minister Yohei Kono left for the United States to tell the United Nations that Japan wants a permanent seat on the Security Council but can only take part in non-military operations.

Mr. Kono has said he will appeal to the United Nations to give Japan a seat without changing its 1947 "peace constitution", which forbids the threat or use of force to settle international disputes.

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Bosnian Serbs remove banned guns from Sarajevo — U.N.

SARAJEVO (R) — U.N. peacekeepers said Wednesday that Bosnian Serb forces were pulling banned guns out of the Sarajevo heavy weapons exclusion zone, while big power envoys pressed for the total isolation of their political leaders.

Senior U.N. sources said they threatened the Serbs with NATO air strikes after at least three banned weapons were spotted inside the exclusion zone around the Bosnian capital.

"They are currently being removed as far as we know," U.N. spokesman Tim Spicer said.

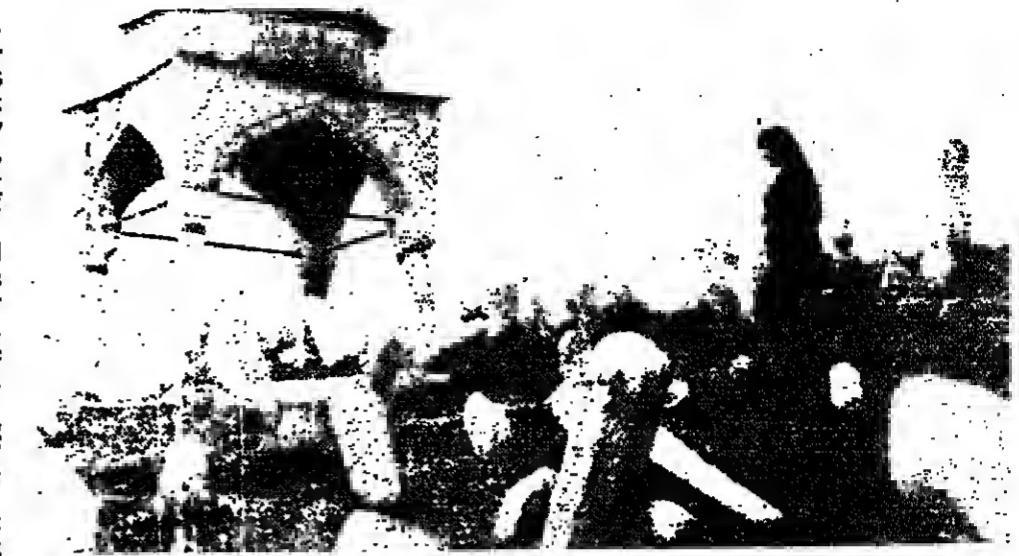
U.N. troops will carry out intensive ground monitoring over the next 24 hours to ensure they had gone from the hills around Sarajevo where the first winter snows fell overnight.

Mr. Spicer denied a statement by the U.N. sources that the Serbs were given a deadline of midnight (2200 GMT) Wednesday for the removal of the weapons, but warned: "There's no intention of letting anybody off the hook."

Another U.N. spokesman said: "The focus in Sarajevo today is on clearing the zone. We've got to take back place to make sure the weapons are being taken out or being put in collection centres."

The Bosnian Serbs have constantly flouted the exclusion zone which the U.N. imposed in February when a NATO ultimatum forced the Serbs to pull their siege guns out of range of Sarajevo.

The U.N. sources said peacekeeping commander General Sir Michael Rose cracked down on them after



A woman walks through an old Muslim cemetery overlooking the Bosnian capital Sarajevo. The city has been without water, gas and electricity for nearly a week now, after Serbs cut the supply lines last Wednesday (AFP photo)

the easing of U.N. sanctions which have crippled the Yugoslav economy since 1992 but has been criticised by political opponents in Belgrade.

Pressure is building on Gen. Rose to use NATO air power to punish Bosnian Serb transgressions despite Russian opposition to the involvement of alliance warplanes and the risk they would upset flooding peace negotiations even more.

Officials of a big power contact group met Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade Wednesday to press for Yugoslavia's help in intensifying the isolation of the Bosnian Serbs.

Opposition Democratic Party leader Vojislav Kosic accused Mr. Milosevic of making "humiliating concessions" to the international community.

Some Serbian commentators have been angered by a 100-day probation period proposed by the U.N. to ensure the blockade of the Bosnian Serbs is leak-proof.

The U.N. has proposed lifting its ban on international flights to Yugoslavia and resuming sporting links but

these sanctions would be automatically reimposed if Yugoslavia were caught breaking the blockade during the 100 days.

The critics were attacked by Vuk Draskovic, another opposition leader, who told a radio interviewer: "The 100-day probation period would not have happened if the world hadn't got the impression that there exists in Serbia a powerful current in favour of the war option."

Sarajevo Airport reopened to relief flights again Wednesday after having been closed twice earlier in the week when aircraft were fired at.

A meeting between Bosnian Serbs and Muslims at the airport failed to agree on resuming water, gas and electricity supplies to the city which the Serbs cut last Thursday.

Beijing gunman was an army officer

BEIJING (AFP) — Chinese authorities Wednesday identified the gunman who massacred eight people in a street rampage here as Tian Mingjian, an army first lieutenant stationed in the capital's suburbs.

Xinhua News Agency said Lt. Tian, slain by police after Tuesday's shootout, had been disciplined for beating a soldier before he hijacked a jeep toward an expatriate district where he opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle.

When it was all over an Iranian diplomat and his young son were dead along with six Chinese. More than 30 other early-morning commuters were wounded before Lt. Tian was gunned down near the Jian Guo Meo Wai diplomats' compound.

The official news agency did not give Lt. Tian's age and other personal details, nor specify which unit he served with.

Xinhua said Beijing Vice Mayor Li Ruowu and Meng Xuenong visited the wounded in hospital and expressed condolences to the families of those slain.

Meanwhile, Iranian sources said a delegation of Iranian experts was due in Beijing Thursday to investigate the killing of Youssef Mohammad Pisbinari, 35, and his one-year-old son. A Foreign Ministry official will lead the team.

The gunma walked along a highway shooting at passing vehicles. The diplomat was taking his four children to school when he was shot. Two of his children were among the wounded.

The leading defence council rejected a request by one of the defence lawyers, prominent rights activist Femi Falana, to speak in the name of the NMA, ruling that the association itself had not officially asked to appear.

The leading defence council, G.O.K. Adjai, asked for the suspension of legal proceedings until another court in Kaduna, northern Nigeria, had ruled on the competence of the Abuja court to try Mr. Abiola. The bench withdrew to consider this request. The Kaduna court, bad been pronouncing its judgement Monday, but has postponed its ruling until Oct. 6.

Lawyers had previously argued that the federal court specially formed here for the trial did not under Nigerian law have the jurisdiction to consider an alleged offence committed in the economic capital Lagos.



United Nations Secretary General Boutros Ghali (left) shakes hands with Amara Essy, foreign minister of the Ivory Coast, after Mr. Essy presided over the first session of the 49th annual U.N. General Assembly. Mr. Essy was elected as president of the General Assembly at the beginning of the session (AFP photo)

U.N. General Assembly opens with appeal to aid 'martyred' Africa

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The first African to head the General Assembly in six years appealed to the world body not to neglect his "martyred continent" as it struggled to cope with civil wars, famine and other crises.

Mr. Essy, 49, succeeds S.R. Insanally, the ambassador of Guyana, who headed the Assembly for the past year.

Mr. Essy has held several high-level posts, including that of U.N. ambassador from 1981 to 1990. He presided over his Group of 77 developing nations in Geneva from 1977 to 1978 and was vice president of the 43rd General Assembly and president of the Security Council in January 1990.

This year the General Assembly opening is overshadowed by the U.S.-led invasion of Haiti and Haiti will be the only agenda item in the three-month session.

The assembly will discuss peacekeeping, human rights, the advancement of women, U.N. financial problems, and conflicts in Rwanda, Bosnia, Somalia, Liberia and elsewhere.

Earlier this month, "Africa is neither resigned nor inert in the face of formidable difficulties. It is asserting itself, assuming its responsibilities and taking its destiny in hand."

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But Mr. Balasingam said: "As far as we are concerned a cessation of armed hostilities at this stage when we are trying to build trust is crucial." He added that the Tigers were "very serious in engaging in a political process."

There had been communications between the LTTE supreme Velupillai Prabhakaran and Ms. Kumara Ratnayake about opening a dialogue to end the fight for a homeland called Eelam.

Sri Lankan Tigers offer compromise

JAFFNA, Sri Lanka (AFP)

— Tamil Tiger guerrillas have offered to compromise on their demand for a separate state even though rebels have given a violent response to government moves to end civil war.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) told visiting journalists here they were willing to accept an alternative to secession, provided the constitution guaranteed a settlement recognised by the international community.

Witnesses who saw the massacre said the gunman walked calmly along the Beijing ring road, covering distance of at least 300 metres, opening fire at traffic and passersby and reloading each clip of ammunition ran out.

Lawyers had previously argued that the federal court specially formed here for the trial did not under Nigerian law have the jurisdiction to consider an alleged offence committed in the economic capital Lagos.

Nigerian military reshuffles top brass

LAGOS (R) — Nigeria's ruling military, after surviving attempts by pro-democracy groups to oust it from power, is reshuffling its top brass.

The latest changes in one of Africa's biggest armed forces was the redeployment of 22 senior officers in the air force.

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At the small port of Kokopo, hundreds of refugees

were ferried in by boat and gathered on a sports field, some under rickety shelters of corrugated iron and others under a tent made of a tarpaulin stretched across soccer goal posts.

Many evacuees complained of a lack of food and organisation.

David Hughes, an Australian who left Rabaul Wednesday, told reporters that the volcano, Tavurvur and Vulcan, 30 kilometres east of the port of Rabaul, an AFP photographer said.

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Gen. Abacha appeared in court in the federal capital Wednesday for the resumption of his treason trial, in spite of his health.

The Muslim millionaire walked into the courtroom without crutches, but had evident difficulty sitting down and standing up.

Political analysts expect more changes in Gen. Abacha's partly civilian cabinet following the sacking last week of former Justice Minister Olu Onagoruwa who publicly disowned new decrees giving the military sweeping powers to deal with the opposition.

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Rewarding the intransigent?

THE 1994 session of the United Nations General Assembly has started in New York with the usual fanfare but with ominous signs that the U.S. and Israel intend to repeal several key resolutions pertaining to Palestinian rights including those related to Jerusalem, Palestinian refugees and Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories. Israel and its Western allies had already succeeded in reversing some U.N. resolutions related to Israel and Israeli practices. One notable example was the annulment of the General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism. It appears that the U.S. policy to "reward" Israel for its part in the peace process has gone too far too early. The government of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has yet to make good its commitment to implement U.N. Security Council resolution 242 and 338.

There is no denying that the ongoing Arab-Israeli peace talks have registered some meaningful progress but it is obviously premature to shower Israel with favours when Arab lands are still occupied and Arab people kept captive and Arab rights, especially the Palestinians', are nowhere near realisation. The future of Jerusalem and the fate of Palestinian refugees, slated for discussion only in 1996, according to the PLO-Israeli accord should not be tampered with by altering or repealing standing U.N. resolutions. The various U.N. General Assembly and Security Council resolutions calling on Israel to rescind its annexation of East Jerusalem and guarantee Palestinian refugee's rights are more important and binding, because of their international nature, than the Oslo accords. No party should attempt to amend them without the consent of the Arab countries party to the conflict with Israel in particular and the international community in general. The right of the Palestinians to return to their homeland or accept compensation under resolution 194, is so sacrosanct from the Palestinian point of view that no side may interfere with it or change it, especially at this early stage in the peace negotiations. As for the Israeli settlements, the international community has made clear that they are illegal and has called for their dismantlement.

There are countless U.N. resolutions adopted not only by the General Assembly and the Security Council but also by other organs and bodies of the U.N. system that treated the Israeli colonisation of Arab territories as unlawful under the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949.

Arab countries' representatives at this year's General Assembly meeting are therefore expected to close ranks to frustrate the current efforts by Washington and Tel Aviv to repeal past international resolutions.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RAI Arabic daily Wednesday warned against a possible US-Israeli attempt to amend U.N. resolutions concerning the Palestine question, the status of Jerusalem and the question of refugees and settlements. The paper said that the U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher plans to meet Arab foreign ministers in New York before his expected visit to the Middle East, and it stressed that the Arab ministers ought to adopt very firm positions with regard to such U.S.-Israeli attempts, which are designed to undermine any honorable and just peace. Furthermore, the paper referred to US envoy Dennis Ross's visit to the region and demanded the Mr. Ross exercise pressure on Israel to change its position and respond favourably to the requirements of peace. Both the Syrians and the Israelis have been saying that Mr. Ross's current tour constitutes his most important visit to the region to date, and therefore Mr. Ross ought to make the Israelis understand the peace requirements with Damascus and comply with UN resolutions in this matter, said the paper.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour Wednesday urged the Finance Ministry to bring back confidence in the Amman Financial Market so that the investors and dealers in shares can resume their activities normally. He said the recent statements by the Finance Minister, in which he denied any plans to increase taxes, have failed to appease the investors and to bring reassurance to the public and the shareholders. As a result the shares have continued their downward trend over the past week, said Taher Adwan. The investors and shareholders do not oppose the taxation reform programme because a sound economy is a guarantee for their investment and therefore the government ought to adopt a language and pass regulations and take practical steps to create an opportune psychological atmosphere.

The View from Academia

By Dr. Ahmad Y. Majdoub

Observing the written word

IT IS amazing how oblivious, careless and disrespectful many individuals in our present-day society are of the written word. This is both somewhat surprising and ironic, coming from a people who not long ago took to heart whatever they said or wrote, be it secular discourse (i.e. poetry) or sacred literature (the Koran, Hadith, etc.).

Last week, I had the opportunity to watch over two groups of university students sitting for a placement test. One consisted of incoming freshmen, the other of incoming graduate students. As usual, the exams were composed of detailed instructions illustrating what to do and how to answer, a few sheets of questions and an answer sheet.

A colleague of mine and I asked the students to read the instructions carefully, read the instructions slowly to themselves, then explained in plain Arabic what the instructions were about a couple of times. We asked them to write their names in the right-hand corner, not to write anything in the section containing the questions, and to record their answers on the answer sheet. The procedure was quite common-sensical and simple, we thought.

Some of the responses were shocking. A few minutes into the exam, the following things (among others equally upsetting) happened. A) A total of 15 students out of 40 raised their hands to inquire about the same procedural matters which they had read and which had been amply explained to them. Had we not stopped answering queries about instructional and procedural matters, more students would have raised their hands. B) Ten students wrote on the question sheets despite our repeated warnings to the opposite. C) Seven students wrote their names in the left-hand corner.

I could not believe it; neither could my colleague — despite the fact that we experience this surprise every time there is a placement exam.

Clearly, some of these uncalled for foul-ups and annoyances may be attributed to the state of mind students find themselves in whenever they take exams. Quite simply, exams, especially those of the calibre of the test we are talking about here, cause students a great deal of

anxiety; anxiety causes confusion and errors. Furthermore, many students in our part of the world, especially those who go to public schools, are not used to exams with instructions. Most questions they are asked are self-explanatory. This point is not to be taken lightly. Many of our students find the TOEFL or the GRE difficult, in part because of the kind of procedure and method they have to follow in answering questions. Most of them are not fully familiar with the answer sheet.

This we admit. The matter, however, is more complex than this. Three other causes may be cited here to account for this somewhat peculiar and disturbing phenomenon, causes which are truly worrying especially since they are a product and an epitome of the condition of the present-day Arab culture as a whole.

We, both individuals and institutions, have a loose conception of and adopt a loose stand towards instructions, regulations or laws. We do not apply them strictly. Often you go to a certain establishment in either the public or private sector to conduct a certain business, say to renew a license or cash a check. The directory posted outside (whenever there is one, that is) says you ought to do this and that; the person behind the counter says something different. You tell him the directory says this and that; he tells you the directory is not good and that he is the authority. Many of the lists of instructions, regulations or laws at our various institutions are like many of our road signs (say the stop sign, the speed-limit sign, etc.), more decorative than functional. They are there but no one obeys them. Imagine yourself stopping at a stop-sign. You'll look like a fool. The point here is that we are giving the person in our society (the child, the student, the citizen) double messages and mixed signals. Should we obey the stop sign or not?

The situation gets even more dangerous when we deliberately break regulations or laws. You go to a certain establishment to obtain a signature (this is a classic example), say the registrar at the university. He tells you you have to obtain the signature of your academic adviser

first and refuses to sign. The following day you meet a friend. He tells you he has obtained the signature of the same registrar you saw yesterday without having to have the document signed by the academic adviser. How come, you ask? Well, he is a friend of mine. Or, he is a nice guy, and I talked him into it.

In short, we are continually reminding ourselves that instructions, regulations or laws are not to be strictly applied, that they are tenuous and fluid, that we can bargain about them, that the person in charge can break them easily, and that we ought simply to ignore them. Why are we surprised then when the person in our society does not even notice them?

We do not read. Very few of us take the time to read short stories or novels or useful books of any sort. We do not read while waiting for the bus, while on the bus, and when we go home. If we want to find a place in Amman we do not read a map. Rather we ask others. When we want to see how something is operated, say a video cassette, we do not read the manual; rather, we ask a friend or bring the video technician. Reading is not part of our daily life, is not a habit. Why should instructions, laws or regulations be an exception?

Our educational institutions (the family, the school and the university) train us to be reliant on others. It is much easier and much more convenient for us. Why should I look up a word in the dictionary when I can ask my friend or teacher? Why should I read about how to make spaghetti or attempt to make it when my mother can either tell me how to make it or make it for me? Why should I read the Koran or the Hadith to learn about a certain matter when I can ask my grandmother or my sheikh?

If we want individuals in our society to notice, observe, respect and value instructions, regulations and laws, we have to make them interested in reading, reliant enough to read, and we have ourselves to notice, observe, respect and value our own instructions, regulations and laws. This is a crucial educational task, and a social problem of immense proportions.

Swedes vote yes to welfare state

By Simon Haydon
Reuter

STOCKHOLM — Three years ago, when a Conservative prime minister took office in Sweden, the country's famous welfare state was pronounced dead.

On Sunday, however, Swedes responded emphatically with a slap in the face to those who dared to tinker with a system that provides an all-embracing protective net.

Voters even delivered a sharp rebuke to the general election-night winners, the Social Democratic Party (SDP), depriving them of a parliamentary majority for suggesting the smallest of changes.

Despite dire pre-election warnings from industrialists and financial markets but the welfare state was costing too much, Sweden voted in their millions for leftist or centre-left parties that supported the system wholeheartedly.

Conservative Prime Minister Carl Bildt's centre-right coalition was trampled underfoot and an upset right-wing party that espoused abolishing large parts of the social security blanket was blasted out of parliament completely.

The SDP was the main beneficiary of the leftward shift in Swedish politics, picking up 24 more seats in the 349-seat parliament to give it a total of 162, 13 short of a majority.

However the most delighted people in Sweden on Sunday night were the former Communists of the Left Party and the Green Party, a motley assortment of anti-Europeans, environmentalists and supporters of financial market regulation.

The Left Party's Birgitta

Sevejord said the election result was a rejection of a campaign that concentrated on budget deficits and cutbacks.

"People felt lost

but the left party raised the issues that worried people, like day care centres and schools," Sevejord said.

The Left Party's tally of 22 seats was its best performance since the 1940s.

The Green Party, after suffering in 1991's Conservative wave, swept back into parliament with 19 seats. "It's hard to believe," said party spokesman Birger Schlaug.

The shape of the next government has yet to emerge. The SDP would appear to be at a crossroads, wondering whether to look to the left or right for a majority in parliament.

SDP leader Ingvar Carlsson is only too aware of the havoc financial markets could wreak with his plans if he joins forces with the left and has said he would like to link up with a centrist party.

Mr. Carlsson, while proclaiming his party as the defender of Sweden's welfare state, stuck to the line that cost him his majority, saying he had been given a mandate to take even tougher measures than the ones he announced before the poll.

Goran Persson, tipped as Mr. Carlsson's finance minister, used harsh language on Sunday night in an apparent attempt to soothe the worries of international financial markets.

"We have received a mandate from voters which gives us the possibility for a tough economic policy... This shows the Swedish people are aware of the crisis," he added.

LETTERS

Appalling murder

To the Editor:

I AM appalled to read of such barbaric acts (Family Honour, Jordan Times, Sept. 19).

The girl, handicapped, lame and helpless, was a victim. A victim of a selfish young man (who deserves punishment) and a victim of improper upbringing.

The father who signed a guarantee that his daughter would not be harmed should be held responsible and be made an example to prevent such instances in the future.

Limited imprisonment of girls or women to protect them is not the solution. Murder is a serious crime whatever the circumstances and should always be punishable by law with no exceptions. The brother should receive mandatory therapy and a period of detention and not praised.

Families who cannot deal with accepting their daughters in such cases should disown them and send them away from the village, not encourage their sons to commit murder. If the government wants to help girls like these, it should council them and relocate them to safety, not prolong their agony by jailing them until the day of their death.

Name withheld upon request

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Haiti shows big power shift on U.N. missions

By Nicholas Doughty
Reuter

LONDON — The U.S. intervention in Haiti is the latest sign that major powers, while increasingly reluctant to police the globe, are ready to defend their interests in the name of an overstretched United Nations.

Analysts and diplomats say that problems with peacekeeping missions in Somalia and Bosnia have made the most powerful states — the United States, Russia, France and Britain — wary of involvement in missions where they do not have a clear stake.

The result, as with Haiti, is that the United Nations has little choice but to hand over responsibility to those countries when and if they are prepared to act.

France, with financial and military interests in Africa dating from the colonial era, took the lead in sending troops in Rwanda earlier this year as the United Nations struggled.

While the United States handles Haiti, Russia tackles peacekeeping in former Soviet republics.

"The United Nations has clearly been troubled by bad experience in Bosnia and Somalia," said Trevor Findlay, a specialist on the United Nations and peacekeeping with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

"What we're seeing is that it will increasingly farm out missions to coun-

tries willing to act. The idea of a global will to deal with crises is not there," he told Reuters.

But critics have argued, for example, that there were far more compelling reasons for the United States and others to intervene earlier in Rwanda, where at least 500,000 people were killed in a few months of ethnic slaughter.

The major powers have faced trouble in Somalia and Bosnia because of what diplomats say are unclear U.N. mandates in confusing and complicated situations, reflecting the difficulty in defining when to act in the post-cold war world.

With it right to use or threaten force? Are there cases where the United Nations should intervene in a country's domestic affairs?

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'Jordanian society's cultural needs are changing'

By Mohammad Mashariqa

"A slow but sure transformation is taking place in the Jordanian society in terms of relations among its members and in the drive to satisfy its cultural needs. And it is the task of the clever artist to catch the glimpse and work accordingly to ensure the success of his artistic work," according to Nabil Sawalha, who together with his mate, Hisham Yanis, has been presenting very successful political comedies to the public, like Ahlan Government, Ahlan Budget and Ahlan Salam (ahalan means welcome).

In the wake of Gulf crisis and the return of thousands of Jordanian expatriates home, some deep internal imbalances emerged in the local society, said Sawalha in an interview with the Jordan Times.

The large volume of returning expatriates was not passive in its nature but rather influential and vibrantly active economically and culturally as their majority had been used to staying out late at night and accustomed to outdoor entertainment, noted Sawalha.

An artist said Sawalha cannot offer his audience a serious cultural work against a backdrop of grim political developments but has to come up with the idea of entertaining the public on the stage by intermixing serious ideas with comedy to present the work in a palatable manner to the theatre audience.

"I believe that because we resorted to this technique our Nabil and Hisham Theatre has achieved success and it would not be an exaggeration to say that the Jordanian society has become more accustomed to this kind of entertainment nowadays," Sawalha said.

Indeed Sawalha is right since the economic and political pressures on Jordanian citizens in the last few years have been of such magnitude that it impelled them to refrain from seeking serious cultural and artistic activities and resort to comedy performances and other performances that invite laughter and amusement.

Amusement and laughter are more needed now to help people overcome their many frustrations, mounting social and economic pressures and give them a taste of a bright life.

In theatre work people are no more interested in watching performances of abstract works or ideas tackling certain political or social concepts in line with the pragmatic school of thought and only satisfying the desires of the play's director or producer.

A person who is accustomed to watching ready-made and excellently performed movies seems no

more willing to go into the trouble of tiring himself in analysing and thinking deeply about the objectives and aims of a serious play.

Artists are now turning their attention towards a change which they hope would save them the trouble of awaiting financial and material aid from the state for their work and escaping any accusation that they are failing to respond to the desires of the audience and not adapting to the needs and requirements of the situation in the Jordanian society.

The change in theatre work has been slow but it has started with two prominent theatre directors, Khaled Tarifi and Nader Omran, who in the early 1980s created the Fawannis Theatre Group and presented the public with remarkable works that eventually influenced the cultural and artistic movement in the country.

But in recent years, there was a split in the Fawannis Theatre Group with Tarifi presenting such plays as The Secret Of The Giant and The Wedding Of All Weddings, while Omran presenting other themes drawing on his works in the early 1980s like Gilgamesh, and Tibeh Rising To Heaven. While admitting that these works have been rated as highly artistic, they failed to attract interested audiences.

The failure brought about a strong reaction on the part of Omran who soon afterwards presented another dull play while Tarifi became a script writer and actor at Jordan Television.

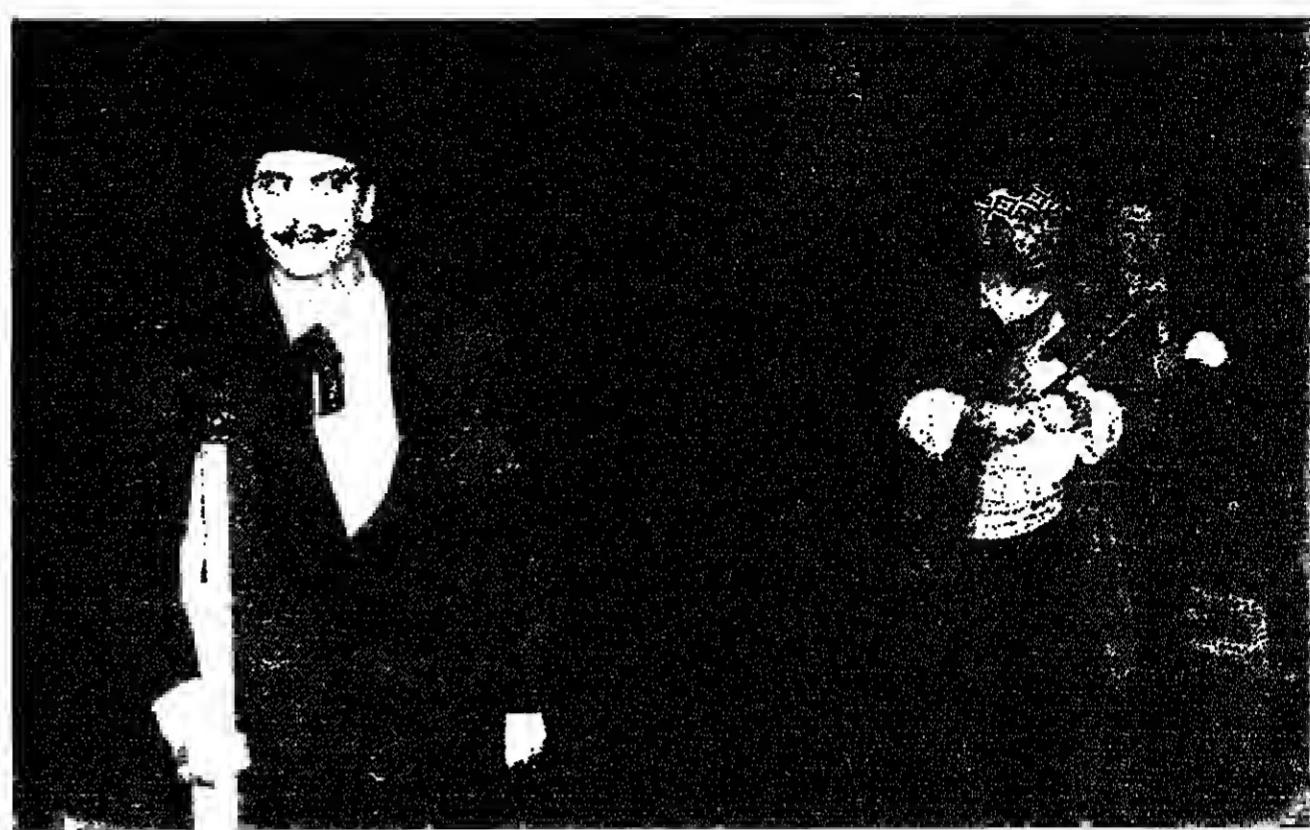
AMMAN CULTURAL PULSE

But their absence from theatre did not last long. Both Tarifi and Omran returned to theatre work trying to reconcile their own views with the audience's needs. Tarifi soon presented a play entitled You, Not You while Omran came up with a play entitled Legal Night Entertainment.

Both attempts were aimed to appease the audience with comedies entailing criticism of the social and political situations with sarcastic scenes that soon won the audience's approval.

Tarifi's play, based on a novel by Turkish author Aziz Nassin, presents a national hero for whom people create a memorial, bold festivals to commemorate his feats and a city is named after him. When the national hero comes to the scene it is revealed that he is not a hero after all, but an ordinary person who never fought in wars and who was involved in intrigues, plots and lied about his medals.

As this fact becomes evident to the public, the mayor and the head of security fear that their



A scene from Khaled Tarifi's play You, Not You

authority is endangered because of their earlier support for the fake hero and subsequently they try to offer him cash to leave the town. They later try to deny that he has ever existed by inventing new names for him and finally by trying to threaten him with death in a drive to keep their names in the clear.

But Ghaleb (the imaginary hero), played by Khaled Tarifi himself, insists on returning to his home to inspect the tree which he loves and to die underneath it. He soon learns that his enemies have cut it down and set up a huge building in its place.

The Tarifi play was a tragedy in reality but the director succeeded in transforming it into a comedy — in terms of the characters themselves and the acts, as well as the sarcastic statements and political comments during the play which helped stimulate and amuse the audience.

Tarifi also succeeded technically and artistically in his clever utilisation of the local folklore thus presenting a vivid and lively performance.

Omran, in his part, presented another play entitled "Legal Evening Entertainment" employing television actors.

The play entails several tales in one of which the owners of a restaurant try to transform it into a theatre. There ensues a struggle between the owners and the customers. The dialogue is sarcastic, and the actors resort to popular sayings and touch on everyday life among the poor people.

In another tale both the customers and the owners get involved in discussing the Palestine question and the current peace process.

In both works of Tarifi and Omran one can feel the slow but sure transformation in the theatre work in Jordan, reflecting the transformations occurring in the society itself. The two have obviously achieved some success in trying to reconcile culture and tradition on the one hand with the public tendencies and desires on the other, winning sincere applause for their efforts.

Sarajevo's favourite food — kebabs make a comeback

By Patrick Quinn
The Associated Press

SARAJEVO — The smell of grilling meat wafts through the cobblestone streets of the old town once again, flavouring the life of Sarajevo as it did before the city was nearly destroyed by war.

"People told me, 'when you reopen your shop, we'll know life is coming back to the city,'" Sahin Memeti said, working over his charcoal grill.

Mr. Memeti is known throughout the city by his first name. Sahin's was the most popular of the traditional restaurants that gave the old town its special gastronomic tone before the war.

Tapestries depicting traditional Bosnian folk dances adorn the walls. In

a reflection of the times, one that depicts Bosnian Serb dances has been covered with a flag of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

With a long spatula and half a round of pita bread, Sahin flipped and rolled small cylinders of ground lamb, the basis of the dish called Cevapcici, over the flames. Even early in the morning, customers sat at the tables of the small shop, waiting for Cevapcici and Sahin's other specialty, Pljeskavica.

Both are made of ground lamb and spices and served in the pocket of a pita loaf, the first with chopped onion and the second with kajmak, a type of sour cream. They usually are accompanied by a glass of liquid yogurt.

"I've been making this

for 30 years, my father and grandfather made it before me, and one day my son will take over this shop," Sahin said.

The food is so popular

in Sarajevo that Sahin said

people often told him they

dreamed of eating it while

the shells were falling.

It has been nearly 2 1/2

years since Bosnia-

Herzegovina broke away from the Yugoslav Federation and Bosnian Serbs started a war that had left 200,000 people dead or missing.

Sarajevo's old town suffered greatly. Thousands of artillery and mortar shells gutted or damaged many of the stone and wooden buildings.

Nearly 10,000 Sarajevo residents were killed before the guns fell relatively silent earlier this year.

Sahin gets up at 6 a.m., grinds the lamb twice, shapes it and puts it away to refrigerate, then takes out the prepared meat for the day's business.

The food of the old town is so distinctive that, when conductor Zubin Mehta arrived in Sarajevo for a concert in June, after

a 20-year absence, he said he remembered one word: "Cevapcici."

"I was sending him and his crew 40 a day when they were preparing for the concert," Sahin recalled. Many ambassadors also have visited the shop, including Victor Jackovich of the United States, said to be a regular customer.

Cevapcici has a long history in the Balkans and Middle East, as well as in Bosnia. Cevap is a local word for Kebab, which has its origins in Ottoman Turkey. Cici means small.

Sahin and others point out that Pljeskavica, which means "to flatten," is of Bosnian origin.

"What counts is the tradition of the food," Sahin said. "That's what gives it its real flavour."

Singapore matchmaker turns to E-mail to play Cupid

By Abdul Jalil Hamid
Reuter

SINGAPORE — At a government matchmaking office in the heart of Singapore, a computer screen produces 10 prospective partners for a young Chinese girl.

She looks up each man's details, sends a E-mail message to the one she finds most interesting and waits for a reply.

In its latest attempt to encourage singles to date, marry early and have children, Singapore has turned to a computer-based electronic mail system described as "state of the art pen-palling."

This prosperous island state of three million, once wary of population growth, has been promoting fertility campaigns following official concern over low birth rates, especially among the educated elite.

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Board and the experience of its mail official matchmaker, the Social Development Unit (SDU). Tele-Pal, implemented in June, allows singles to communicate via an interactive computer-based information service.

"For some time our main computers have been doing the matchmaking for the university graduates," SDU Director Ang Wai Hoong told Reuters in a recent interview.

"We thought we will go one step further. Why don't they themselves choose? They become their own matchmaker. So Tele-Pal comes from this thinking," she said.

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"They still have the confidentiality."

Ms. Ang said the response had been overwhelming. In the first weeks some 500 people signed up although it was too early to know if there had been marriages.

"But some people rang us up to say the line has been jammed."

Ms. Ang said before applicants were accepted, their names and identification numbers would be verified and their marital status checked.

Once approved, an applicant can access the Tele-Pal through a home computer or one of 100 public terminals in libraries, community centres and schools.

To select a suitable partner, users choose from seven criteria — race, age, height, weight, religion, citizenship and interests. The system will show a maximum of 10

matches at any one time, from which the user can select a prospective partner.

The SDU used to be ridiculed by some Singaporeans as a last resort for the "single, desperate and ugly."

But Ms. Ang said the unit, which has some 14,740 single graduate members mostly aged between 25 and 29, is a catalyst for singles to meet. Besides matchmakers

it also organises dances, outings, cruises and sells marriage counselling.

"We provide a lot of opportunities for people to meet but the choice (to marry) is still theirs," she said. Some 1,543 SDU members were married in 1993 compared with 1,416 in 1992 and 614 in 1985.

Ms. Ang, 55, who married when she was 23 after a three-month courtship, said there was nothing to

wait for in those days. "But it is different now."

Graduates want to build a career first, then get married. They want a condominium, a car. But I am saying that you can do both and build your lives together.

"Whether people want to get married is a personal choice... but when a large number of people are staying single it is a social concern."

Fad diets false path to slim figures

By Sarah Edmonds
Reuter

TORONTO — Scientists think it will take more than the fitness craze of the past few years to strip the fat off affluent Western bodies — it will take a major shift in the attitude of society.

Nearly one-third of North Americans are obese, and this high proportion has hardly changed

in the past 15 years despite the much-touted new awareness of health and fitness, said Aubie Angel, the chairman of the seventh international congress on obesity held here.

Even in Japan, where weight has rarely been a problem, fast food and couch-potato lifestyles imported from the West are starting to take their toll on the young, he said.

Fads and obsessions

should give way to a focus on early education and a societal move toward a generally healthy lifestyle, Mr. Angel said.

Angel believes the recent drive for whippet-like bodies — fuelled by the popularity of waiflike fashion models like Kate Moss — may actually contribute to obesity.

The images that stare out at people, particularly women, from magazine

"We have got to learn to accept what our body is, what our family is and do the best we can with it and not feel lesser."

Many of the major findings at the congress show that if you are having trouble slipping into your jeans, the difficulty may be in your genes. This makes it even more important for obesity to be treated before it takes hold, scientists said.

An Arab data bank?

By Jean-Claude Elias

In parallel with Information Technology (IT) — data processing, computers — the world of communications is turning our world upside down at a frightening pace. Some maintain that communications even will have a deeper effect on us than computers.

Arguing which of IT or communications is more important or has a greater impact on the social changes is not only irrelevant but impossible as well. They are cross-linked and work in conjunction one with the other. Satellites, digital telephone centres and live TV broadcasts would not exist without computers.

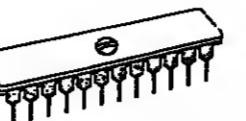
The most striking application where computers and communications work hand in hand is the data banks that users of personal computers (PC) can access from their armchair at home. These huge collections of information can be called on the phone, thanks to the modem (modulator-demodulators), a communication option that more and more PCs are fitted with these days.

In USA mainly, giant networks have been established that are accessible, through inexpensive subscriptions or on-call basis charge, to any mortal with a simple, entry-level PC. "CompuServe" is such an example, among several others.

Data banks cover virtually any topic one can think of: Science, medicine, finance, weather, statistics, and so on. The number of different networks, the variety of information they handle and the amount of data itself, all are growing every year.

Having such data available literally at your fingertips, from the PC keyboard, is an enormous and a

chip talk



precious wealth that the wide public still underestimates. For a PC User in the Middle East however, the cost of the telephone calls to the American continent is still very high and is not always justified. Modem calls through a PC can be very long sometimes, generating unpleasant phone bills at the end of the month.

A data bank having its centre in the area would serve millions of Arabs at reasonable cost. Moreover it should certainly cover certain additional types of data that American networks are not interested in. When Arab satellite TV channels already exist, why shouldn't an Arab data bank? Such a bank could also have a direct, centralised link with the American ones and provide a "U.S. Connection" to users in the Middle East at cheaper rates.

The idea is not new and that several organisations in Jordan have plans in their drawers in that regard. Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation and the Royal Scientific Society are among the ones considering such an operation. Let us hope the plans won't stay long in the drawers.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Mohammad A. Shuaqir

ARABIC PROVERBS EXPLAINED

- ★ "Give me life, and throw me into the sea." Transliteration: Aatini omr wer'mini bil-bahr. Meaning: If one is destined to live long, no matter what happens to him, he's safe.
- ★ "Give your dough (Lit. bread) to a baker though he may eat half of it." Transliteration: Aati khazak lil-khabbaz wa-law akal nos-soh. Meaning: Let experts or professionals do things for you, however, expensive they may be. In the long run, it is more advantageous.
- ★ "Feed the mouth, and the eye becomes shy." Transliteration: It am et-tim tishilh-ayn. Meaning: To bribe a judge or an official, give him a gift.

COOKING IS FUN

FISH RICE

INGREDIENTS:

8 oz. oil
1 lb. 7 oz. rice.
1 1/2 lbs. onions cut wing shape, which has been fried in oil until a golden colour.
5 oz. snobar (pine-nuts)
2 tbs. salt.
1/2 tsp. saffron.
17 oz. boiling water.

METHOD

Heat oil in skillet and brown snobar. Remove snobar from oil and put onions in oil to fry until a golden colour. Lift large portion of the fried onions. Transfer the oil and remaining onions from the skillet into a cooking pot. Add rice, salt and saffron and stir well over high heat. Add boiling water and let it boil hard first, then reduce heat and cook slowly until rice is done. Serve on a platter and garnish with the fried snobar and onions.

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SMILE, PLEASE

- ★ DOCTOR: "And how are we this morning?" PATIENT: "I'm feeling better doctor, but my breathing still troubles me."
- DOCTOR: "We must see if we can put a stop to that!"

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- ★ A small boy came home after his first day at a new school and said to his mother: "The teacher asked me if I had any brothers and sisters who might be coming to school."

"That's nice of her to take such an interest in us. Did you say that you were the only child?" asked the mother.

"Yes," the boy answered. "And all she said was: 'Thank goodness.'"

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- ★ HUSBAND: "Yesterday my mother-in-law was injected and lost her life as a result."

NEIGHBOUR: "Haven't I told you that medicine is in progress."

BANK OF KNOWLEDGE

1. What does the spleen do?
2. Is a typhoon like a tornado?
3. What is the blues?
4. What is Kosher meat?
5. What is ozone?

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YOUR CHARACTER IN FOCUS

(Born on 7th June)

- Prudent, wise and sober.
- Capable of enormous efforts for the attainment of his object.
- Sceptical and analytical.
- Never enthusiastic and more or less gloomy.
- Lover of classical music.
- Influenced by conditions over which he has little or no control.
- All his works will be marked by strong individuality.
- Likes those who are shrewd and intelligent.
- His favourite colours are: Dark grey, dark blue, purple and green.
- His main health problems are nervousness, irritation, trouble with legs, teeth and ears, besides rheumatism.
- His good qualities are: authority, practicality, steadiness and system.

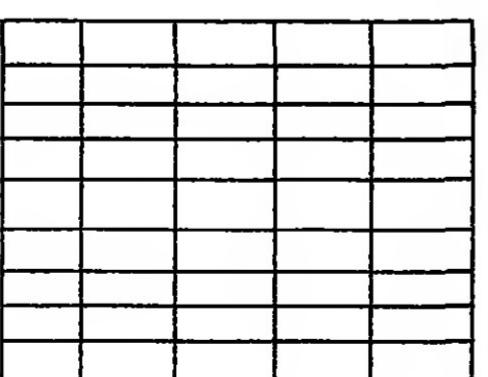
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PUZZLES

FOR FILM FANS

Here is one for the film fans. Answer the nine clues with the surnames of well-known stars.

If they are correct, famous family name of stage and screen will be revealed by reading the middle letters from top to bottom.



CLUES

1. Architectural feature
2. Concede
3. Guiding star
4. Month
5. Direction follows course
6. Nemoral letters are
7. Blossom
8. Leaves the car
9. Knife-sharpening rod

Finding words of wisdom in the book of life

By Samer Ghaleb Bagaeen

(1) The library as theatre

Forced Entertainment is a controversial Sheffield-based British theatre company. Its chosen territory is the slippery terrain where Performance meets Live Art.

General myth has it that a library is where lovers meet and where spies exchange information. There are lots of stimulating contradictions: It is full of voice yet you are supposed to be silent; a reader sits in one place yet this consciousness travels unfettered.

In its latest production Dreams' Winter (at Manchester Central Library, July 15-20, 1994), the company was drawn to the idea of animating the stories and secrets contained in all the books as well as conjuring the ghosts of past library users, invoking the voices of authors and characters, as well as readers. Forced Entertainment thrives on such paradoxes. Previous shows have seen them plunder images from popular culture, mixing high-and low-tech, littering the stage with televisions, microphones, placards, neon lights and trash. Narrative does not get a look in and character has not got a role. Dreams' Winter aimed to deconstruct the cultural symbols around us and shed light on such themes as the crisis of personal identity and the quest for meaning in an arbitrary world.

(2) Journeys of discovery

A period of exploration in parts of our planet is becoming a new rite of passage for the young and educated elite of Western countries. But is this travelling to learn? If so, to learn what? About the countries they visit, or just themselves?

These trips are no package tours: travel itineraries are fluid, dictated only by cash concerns, practicality and whim in search of formative experience along the way to becoming self-reliant. More often, young peoples' desire to get away are not healthy; frequently, they are looking for an escapist evasion, a geographical solution to personal problems. But if one cannot find meaning in one's own society, why should one be able to find it in someone else's?

But travel can, and should be, beneficial. Even more so if travellers were giving something back in return. Travel can either further understanding or shore up prejudices.

(3) Meaningless conversation

Do you ever listen compulsively to what people say and wonder what the words mean? Pedantry is one of those arcane pursuits that seem to appeal to human nature.

"The thing about being pedantic..."

"What thing is that exactly?!"

"The thing about being pedantic is that as soon as you put a foot wrong, you know that someone will come along and point out that in fact you are in error.)

"The fact of the matter is..."

"The fact of what matter?"

"Do you want anything from the buffet?"

"I would like a coffee."

"White or black?"

"I would like some milk, please." "Isn't it odd that we call white coffee 'white' when it is really brown?"

"I always say that colour is relative."

"Do you always say that?"

"Always..."

JTV CHANNEL 2 WEEKLY PREVIEW

Thursday, Sept. 22

7:30 Battlestar Galactica

8:30 Heart Of Courage

It takes someone really courageous to risk his or her life in order to save people's lives in times of danger.

9:10 Murder She Wrote

Murder According To Maggie

It was a big mistake for a television director to stop a TV programme, especially when it deals with police work.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Feature Film -- Intimate Betrayal

Starring: James Brolin and Melody Anderson

Troubles begin after revealing long kept secrets between a husband and wife when a stranger comes to town.

Friday, Sept. 23

7:15 Documentary -- In Spite Of All

Polish students use theatre as a means to explain how people can save the environment.

9:10 G.P.

Solomon's Choice

A woman must consider abortion, despite the doctors' and her husband's pleas against it.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Emilie

10:50 Dad's Army

The home guard prepares for war, not with the Germans, but with an army of trained dogs.

Saturday, Sept. 24

7:30 Top Quality Produce From Jordan

A close look at some of Jordan's best quality agricultural produce exported via Royal Jordanian to the Gulf and to Europe

9:30 The Campbells

On Ways And New

Dr. James lectures at Dublin University. He receives as much acclaim from university professors and as antagonism from fellow doctors.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Feature Film

How To Murder Your Wife

Starring: Jack Lemmon and Virna Lisi. A comedy about a confirmed bachelor and a woman who tricks him into marriage.

Sunday, Sept. 25

7:30 FBI: Untold Stories

Operation Lemonade

Art Lindberg was chosen in 1977 by the FBI to uncover Soviet operations carried out inside the USA by Soviet agents.

8:30 Law and Disorder

What Goes Up

Thelma defends two balloonists who accidentally

descend into private property ... as a result of which horse dies!

9:10 Quantum Leap

Piano Man

Sam is a piano player who, in 1985, was an eyewitness to a murder in Chicago.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Snowy River

Danny's fall into a deep old mine sets the whole town into forming a search team.

Monday, Sept. 26

7:30 Black Beauty

The Search

Lloyds Insurance Company continues questioning Bella Jones about the fate of the ship Estoria... a ship she remembers being on board.

8:30 Home Free

Nature Of Things

The family members vote on whether to sell their cottage in the mountain.

9:10 Galactic Odyssey

The Axial Of Time

A look at the planets in the Milky Way... And the first pictures of the Hubble Telescope.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Matrix

Blindsight

Matrix's mission is to save a famous ice hockey player from being drugged by his manager.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

7:30 Innovation

8:30 Top Cops

True police stories taken from police files and re-enacted on screen.

Candy's last comedy helped by digital effects

By John Horn
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Six months after John Candy's death, the comedian's last film is coming out — complete with scenes in which he did not originally act but now appears.

Thanks to some high-tech special effects, Candy's lead role in *Wagons East* features two sequences in which the late actor has been moved digitally from one scene to another.

Because of the tragic circumstances surrounding the film's making, no one is criticising the alterations. But the technology does raise troubling questions about the rapidly expanding realm of movie magic.

Candy died playing an old west wagonmaster in the period comedy. Filming on *Wagons East* near Durango, Mexico, was virtually finished when Candy died in his sleep on March 4 from a heart attack at age 43.

(Shortly before Candy

made *Wagons East*, he starred in Canadian Bacon. That film is scheduled for January release).

As with any film, though, several passages needed to be changed once the cameras were packed up and *Wagons East* was edited. Without Candy, director Peter Markle turned to several special effects houses and a Candy look-alike to place Candy in a handful of settings in which the actor never appeared. A similar-voiced actor rerecorded missing dialogue.

The result is a technically seamless film that Markle hopes will be remembered among Candy's best roles. Candy plays James Harlow, the drunken leader of an 1860s wagon train whose passengers are fleeing the west for more peaceful St. Louis.

"I think John would have been very impressed with his performance," Markle says. "He would have known that it was a departure, but he would

have liked the way it flowed."

The effects used in *Wagons East* are inherently controversial, as they can be used to create cinematic images that might look real but in fact are wholly concocted.

Once limited to splashy action-adventure films in which buildings exploded and warriors battled in deep space, these cinematic tricks are now working into more straightforward dramas. *Gray Sins*' legs in *Forrest Gump*, for example, were "amputated" by a computer programmer. The president in *In The Line Of Fire* did not appear at a huge Denver campaign rally; he was superimposed over footage of Bill Clinton, who was there.

Earlier this year, the makers of *The Crow* used digital effects to put actor Brandon Lee's face on another actor's body after the star was killed in a movie set gun accident.

"Unless you have a situation like we did, I can't see it used in any-

thing other than an action movie," Markle says.

Bob Crane, Candy's producing partner and a longtime friend, says he's bothered by the potential power of special effects, but feels they were used appropriately in *Wagons East*.

"I think it's going to become a major problem," says Gil Cates, dean of the School of Theatre, Film and Television at the University of California, Los Angeles. Cates does not oppose the effects in "Wagons East" but has led efforts at the Directors Guild of America against colouring films.

"It's like putting a moustache on the Mona Lisa. It's not right," Cates says, adding that filmmakers are nonetheless entranced by the technology. "The thinking is: You got it, you use it."

With Candy, Markle has done the bare minimum, using special effects only to keep the film's story on track.

"Unless you have a

train.

The footage of Candy is taken from a scene earlier in the movie, when Harlow also pours out a bottle of whiskey. The background then was a restaurant. Using several computer programmes, technicians at a post-production facility have moved Candy from the restaurant to a bar.

"Another company said it couldn't be done, but we thought it was a big challenge," says Brian Jennings, president of Todd Ao Digital, a newly formed post-production house specialising in digital effects. "It was the nightmare of computer graphics."

There are two particular sequences in which Candy has been moved from one location to another.

About halfway through

the movie, the wagon

train members learn that

Candy's Harlow led the

infamous Donner party to

their snowy deaths. Pub-

licly shamed, the wagon-

master rides away, and is

soon back in a bar, drink-

ing into oblivion. He

promptly has a change of

heart, and pours out a

bottle of whiskey and re-

turns to rescue the wagon

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ering with Candy's per-

formance but felt it was

necessary to make the film

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tion.

"It is very disturbing —

I've always been a big fan

of 'SCTV' and 'Uncle Buck,'" Jennings says. "So

Jennings, who calls him-

self a Candy enthusiast,



John Candy

splashes added for

realism.

For the dialogue in a

brief scene in which Candy

warns divers about a

sandbar in a river, Markle

used actor Tino Insana,

who worked with Candy

at the Second City Com-

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A remark about Scars-

dale — which got laughs

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York and silent incompre-

hension here — was

changed during previews

to Brooklyn and Boston

and then back again.

"I just thought, it is

what it is," said Wasser-

stein, citing by way of

comparison a lyric from

the musical *Guys And*

Dolls about "a Scarsdale

"Galahad."

"I thought, if they can

keep in Scarsdale, I can."

The Greenwich run had

some unscripted drama.

An early preview was dis-

rupted when two men

were sighted on the roof

on a night when the Israeli

ambassador was expected

in the audience, and the

theatre was evacuated.

But in best show-must-

go-tradition, the actors

shifted the production —

if not the set — to nearby

Greenwich Park and did

the first 30 minutes or so

al fresco before a rapt

audience until the theatre

was reopened.

The limited run through

Sept. 10 is mostly sold out

in the 423-seat theatre,

but Codron said he was as

yet unsure whether to risk

a commercial transfer.

London casts a sceptical glance at Wasserstein's Sisters

By Matt Wolf
The Associated Press

LONDON — Dr. Gorgeous Teitelbaum, the middle sister in Wendy Wasserstein's Broadway hit *The Sisters Rosensweig*, has a habit of finding things "funny."

If only the British thought the same of the play.

Sisters Rosensweig opened on Aug. 9 at southeast London's Greenwich Theatre, and response to Michael Blakemore's production has been of more than passing interest — at least to Americans.

While American dramatists from David Mamet to Arthur Miller get regular airings in Bri-

tain, Wasserstein — a favourite in her home city, New York — mostly has been ignored in Britain.

A high-powered bank-er, Sara (Janet Suzman) is the dynamo of the trio, although her success has exacted a price. Divorced with a teenage daughter, she keeps a firm clamp on her emotions — in keeping with her British residence.

At one recent performance, the London audience applauded her assertion that she loves living in a country "where one's feelings are openly repressed."

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ity who lives for comfort and clothes, and conceals an unhappy marriage.

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Practising American-style medicine on the Clyde

By Randi Hutter Epstein
The Associated Press

CLYDEBANK, Scotland — To the thousands of foreigners who visit Scotland for golf, castles and whisky, some expatriate Americans hope to add the affluent ill.

In June, surgeons Raphael Levey and Angelo Eraklis, formerly of Harvard, opened Health Care International (HCI), a 260-bed, \$270 million private hospital and luxury hotel on the outskirts of Glasgow.

Their dream is a global hub for medical care that offers the latest technology and first-rate physicians at lower prices than in the United States. Harvard Medical School is considering whether to lend its prestige to the venture in return for a share of the profits.

Dr. Levey and Dr. Eraklis are in the vanguard of a growing trend in American health care to look abroad for opportunity.

Labour is cheaper in Europe, and Americans

have a competitive edge in some high-tech equipment and expertise. In Britain, most National Health Service hospitals buy services from private institutions, including Health Care International, because they cannot afford state-of-the-art technology.

At first, HCI lured patients from the Middle East, Asia and North Africa. Now it seeks deals with American health insurers, offering packages that include round-trip air transportation, golf at Gleneagles and shopping sprees in London or Paris for accompanying family members.

HCI sells its services through branch offices in Cairo, Athens, Milan, London and Boston. L. James Wiczai, the chief executive, said HCI had treated about 400 patients so far, most of them from outside Britain.

A recent press tour of the hospital, reporters saw many empty rooms and just one patient, a 15-year-old girl from Abu Dhabi.

Some critics say Glasgow is the wrong location for a hospital that seeks

wealthy patients. "The place is doomed to fail," said Dr. Karol Sikora, chief of clinical oncology at Hammersmith Hospital in West London.

"That kind of client wants to be close to Harrods," the famous London department store.

Hammersmith also is in the international market, but Dr. Sikora said foreigners prefer Cromwell, a private hospital in central London.

HCI has caused controversy in Glasgow by selling services to the National Health Service, Britain's free-to-all medical system.

Under new market-oriented policies, government hospitals may buy services from private hospitals instead of purchasing their own costly equipment and hiring specialised staff.

The Scots, who cherish their health system, would rather the government modernise the existing hospitals.

Dr. Eraklis and his American physicians liken themselves to Peace Corps doctors dispensing U.S. expertise on foreign ter-

rain. That sort of talk rankles the Scots, who see the Americans as merely out to make money.

According to Dr. Eraklis, the slow start was expected and prophecies of doom are the product of Jealousy.

"American doctors at this moment are in deep trouble," he said. "They are a very unhappy lot. They all wish they had thought of it first."

The prospect of U.S. reforms that could mean less revenue for hospitals and lower pay for doctors is prompting American providers to look abroad just as several European countries, particularly Britain, warn to private care.

British patients, tired of waiting months or years for treatment, are increasingly willing to buy back foreign centres it sold in the 1980s.

"If the U.S. goes to more socialised medicine, as we anticipate, we think we'll see many of our doctors willing to go overseas and earn as much or more in a six-month stint," said Mike Skinner, director of development at Mid-America Healthcare Group. The Dallas company owns three U.S. hospitals and is considering

investment and expertise at the cutting edge, and that's the niche HCI is programmed to fill."

HCI can beat American prices because labour, which accounts for 70 per cent of hospital costs, is about one-third cheaper in Europe. But doctors at HCI earn at least as much as in the United States, starting at about \$300,000 a year plus bonuses.

Other U.S. hospital owners and universities also are looking abroad. Salick Health Care, which has a chain of cancer centres in the United States, has discussed deals with the National Health Service and American Medical Holdings, owner of 35 hospitals, wants to buy back foreign centres it sold in the 1980s.

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overseas expansion.

HCI was conceived in August 1979 while Dr. Eraklis and Dr. Levey, friends since student days at Harvard Medical School, were bemoaning the future of American medicine. They foresaw increasing bureaucracy, government intrusion, and more priority for cost over quality.

HCI employs several doctors from Harvard. The former chief of radiology there runs HCI's Radiology Department.

Many Glaswegians are angry at their government for giving money to an American venture when their own hospitals need fixing.

"I foresee it as a Trojan horse for the NHS (National Health Service)," said Sam Galbraith, a Labour Party legislator from the Clydebank area.

Meanwhile, HCI has a way to go to fill empty beds and make friends in the neighbourhood.

Newspapers have printed several hostile articles, accusing it of undermining the National Health Service by stealing

staff from Glasgow hospitals and using their blood supplies.

Mr. Wiczai, the chief executive, said HCI had been careful not to take too many doctors and nurses away from any one hospital and was buying blood from the Scottish Blood Transfusion Service.

Besides the two founders, HCI employs several doctors from Harvard. The former chief of radiology there runs HCI's Radiology Department.

Dr. Eraklis and Dr. Levey would like their hospital to become a Harvard affiliate. That would allow it to use Harvard's name to attract patients, and Harvard to share in the business.

Daniel Tosteson, dean of Harvard Medical School, was "impressed" and seriously considering an arrangement after a visit in June, said Associate Dean Suzanne Raufcort.

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the Sports Medicine Centre in the University of Calgary, Alberta.

However, the study indicates that some athletes might be able to use the continuous warmup technique as a way to avoid the need to take medication for exercise-induced asthma, Dr. Meeuwisse said.

"People here are very committed to the National Health Service, and because of that (HCI) is a convenient political football... The local people are always swiping about the Tories (Britain's governing Conservative Party) and we frequently get dragged into the war."

Study: Good warmup cuts exercise-induced asthma

By Ira Dreyfuss
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A good warmup can reduce or eliminate exercise-induced asthma in some people, a study suggests.

The finding may make it easier for asthmatics to do aerobic exercise such as running, researchers say.

Asthmatics suffer attacks of shortness of breath or breathlessness, generally accompanied by wheezing, because the small airways in their lungs narrow. About one person in 20 has asthma.

The aerobic demands of vigorous exercise can bring on one of these attacks. In fact, an exercise test to see if the air-

ways constrict is one way to tell if a person is asthmatic, according to the Oxford Textbook of Sports Medicine.

However, the new study indicates that a warmup can fight this bronchoconstriction after exercise.

The report is in the American College of Sports Medicine's journal, Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise.

The report looked at nine women and three men, all averaging about 27 years of age, and all moderately trained athletes. All also had moderately severe asthma, said Dr. Donald C. McKenzie, professor of medicine at the University of British Columbia.

Prof. McKenzie and his colleagues at the Vancouver school gave each subject six-minute treadmill runs without warmups, to see how efficiently they used oxygen.

The 12 also were given two types of warmups: Interval warmups, in which they did eight 30-second all-out treadmill runs, with 90 seconds of rest between the runs; and a continuous 15-minute treadmill run at a velocity equal to 60 per cent of their aerobic maximum.

After each warmup, the athletes were given new exercise tests, and those values were compared with the results of the tests they took without warmups.

The intervals didn't seem to make much difference, but the continuous warmups seemed to help a lot, Prof. McKenzie said.

With a continuous warmup, all 12 decreased their asthmatic responses in three measures of lung function, and six decreased so much they failed to even meet the standard for an attack of exercise-induced asthma, Prof. McKenzie said.

"This suggests that in some individuals with exercise-induced asthma, 15 minutes of a continuous, moderate intensity warmup prior to more strenuous exercise will significantly decrease or prevent post-exercise bronchoconstriction," the journal article said.

triggers that set off asthma attacks.

The finding fits earlier suggestions that higher fitness levels could have protective effect against exercise-induced asthma, Prof. McKenzie said.

Although Prof. McKenzie's study did not look for a cause, he suspects continuous warmup makes the body slowly use up the standard for an attack of exercise-induced asthma, Prof. McKenzie said.

Perhaps, five or 10 minutes — and grow stronger with time.

Another researcher notes that 60 per cent of a person's aerobic maximum is in itself enough to raise a sweat. It's "a pretty good steady state jog," said Dr. Willem H. Meeuwisse, an assistant professor and physician at

the Sports Medicine Centre in the University of Calgary, Alberta.

However, the study indicates that some athletes might be able to use the continuous warmup technique as a way to avoid the need to take medication for exercise-induced asthma, Dr. Meeuwisse said.

Heart institute offers high-tech medicine in Vietnam

By Hoang Dinh Nam

Agence France Presse
HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — One of Asia's most modern centres for heart surgery stands proudly in one of the poorest countries on earth, thanks to a top French cardiologist working in the former colony.

Before setting up the Heart Institute here two years ago, leading French cardiologist Dr. Alain Carpenter, who lent his name to a top medical foundation, did not want to come and work in Vietnam, despite repeated requests.

"At the time, Vietnam had more pressing worries than heart surgery. The economic situation made it an unrealistic prospect in such a country," he told AFP in an interview.

"In the West it is often thought that some types of medicine are not suitable for certain countries," the professor explained.

Today he has changed his mind, calling the idea a "misconception of medicine and medical cooperation."

In addition, Vietnamese medical personnel accept low salaries — equivalent to between \$50 and \$100 a month — and the institute has been granted a unique independent status, reducing administrative costs.

"Without this status, nothing would be possible," Dr. Carpenter said.

The institute, which has 160 employees 10 of whom are French, has operated on 1,700 patients, mostly children, since January 1992. Nearly three-quarters of the patients underwent open-heart surgery.

"The results are far better than I expected, both in terms of quantity and quality," Dr. Carpenter said.

With a failure rate of 3.5 per cent, the institute's performance is comparable to that of other heart centres in the developed world, he said.

The cardiologist, who wants to promote a medical tradition that links Viet-

nam with its former colonial ruler, regularly visits the institute, where he sits on a supervisory board with five French and five Vietnamese members.

"Medicine is above the trials of history," he said, citing a belief that "in one life, one cannot make more than one or two contributions like this."

ANSWERS

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- It purifies blood, and it also manufactures some of the blood cells for the body. Despite these valuable jobs, it is quite possible to live without a spleen.

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- Yes. It is a whirlwind of considerable violence which blows in the China Seas and near the Philippines Islands in the summer and autumn.

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- It is a type of song which developed from the work songs and spirituals sung by African slaves taken to the United States, and became the basis of American jazz. Although, as the name would suggest, blues songs are often melancholic, they can also be joyful and exuberant.

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- It is meat used as food from an animal killed in accordance with the Jewish law.

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- It is a kind of oxygen which has a pungent smell and is used for purifying air or sterilizing water.

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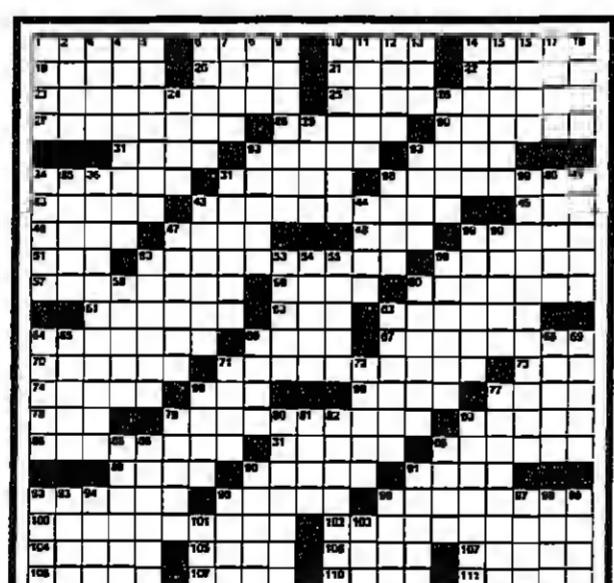
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WEEKEND CROSSWORD



Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Smiling heart offers okaya twenty dollar mortgage for you to build a new tree but in his backyard.
2. Chubby old farmer, affected by summer dandruff, finds relief under shade tree.

3. Funny surgeon puts many of his emergency patients in stitches, and a lot die laughing.
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Majali, Kaddoumi review ties

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them in coordination with us."

Jordan last week insisted it would continue its historic role in caring for the holy sites in Jerusalem while the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PNA) demanded the Kingdom transfer responsibility of Muslim Waqf in Jerusalem to the newly-established Palestinian Authority ministry.

The PLO had earlier reacted angrily to a clause in the Washington Declaration which recognised a special role for the Kingdom in the holy sites in Jerusalem and its historic religious sovereignty over them.

Jordanian officials said that Jordan had been responsible for the sites for decades and the Arab summit of Rabat in 1974, which recognised the PLO as the sole legitimate

representative of the Palestinian people, left the custodianship of the holy sites with Jordan.

They also note the PLO asked Jordan to maintain its responsibility for them when the Kingdom severed administrative and legal links with the West Bank in 1988.

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The Kingdom spends \$9 million a year in providing for the maintenance and upkeep of Islamic sites in Jerusalem.

While in Amman, Mr. Kaddoumi said the PLO supports a Libyan call to hold an Arab summit to end differences that developed among Arab states since the eruption of the Gulf crisis in August 1990.

Crown Prince meets Netanyahu

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Netanyahu.

The Likud leader described the London meeting as "a sign of the times" and said his party was committed to making peace "with any Arab country" that "sincerely" wants to make peace.

Mr. Netanyahu also said that the meeting had no bearing on the Jordanian-Israeli negotiations. "That we leave it to the governments," he said.

Meanwhile, reports from Israel said that for the first

time Crown Prince Hassan flew over Israel on his way to London on Tuesday. It was not immediately clear whether the Crown Prince was at the controls of the plane.

King Hussein, piloting his private plane, made an unprecedented flight over Jerusalem on Aug. 3, a week after he signed the Washington Declaration with Mr. Rabin.

Jordan and Israel are negotiating commercial overflights but have not reached agreement.

U.S. steps up Haiti pressure

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going to increase the patrols. We're going to make very clear to Gen. Cedras that we can't see the kind of repetition of the situation that we saw yesterday."

The U.S.-Haiti agreement, worked out by a delegation headed by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, requires military leaders to step down by Oct. 15 and allow the restoration of Mr. Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Mr. Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president, was ousted by Gen. Cedras and his cohorts in a Sept. 1991 coup.

Gen. Shelton said one problem that does not bode well for efforts to quell the violence could be that Gen. Cedras does not have firm enough control over police or militiamen. "Many of them can be classified only as sanctuaries," he said.

U.S. troops landed in Port-au-Prince on Monday, and about 1,800 Marines landed Tuesday at Haiti's second city, Cap-Haitien, in the north. Once their equipment is ashore, they are to begin fanning out into the countryside.

The potential for violence remains high in this wretchedly poor Caribbean nation as the intervention force gets organised and the ruling military and police desperately try to assure their own futures.

At the United Nations, the

U.S. ambassador said the Security Council won't lift a trade embargo against Haiti until Mr. Aristide returns to power.

Sanctions were imposed after the army overthrew Mr. Aristide. Stricter embargos and bans on travel and financial transactions have been imposed in the attempt to compel the military to restore him to power.

Ambassador Madeleine K.

Albright had said Monday the oil embargo and other sanctions could be suspended if Haiti's military rulers cooperated with the multinational force.

But on Tuesday night, after U.S. officials met with Mr. Aristide and Security Council members, Ms. Albright said, "what we have decided to do for now is not to ask for a suspension of sanctions."

As the U.S. force prepares to spread out beyond Port-au-Prince and Cap-Haitien, both sides in Haiti appear to be testing their new status. Aristide supporters are feeling out how far they can press their anti-military demonstrations, while police appear to be measuring how Americans will respond if they get roughed up.

But in general, most people appear ready to give the latest plan to bring democracy to Haiti a chance. Even Franck Pierre, leader of the violent, pro-army political group Capois La Mort, sounded conciliatory.

In mixed-race "coloured" areas around Johannesburg, residents were demanding the same concessions on rates and taxes that have been extended to

Yeltsin: a detached president enjoying temporary quiet

By Sergei Shargorodsky
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — When Boris Yeltsin travels to Washington next week, he is going as a different man and as a leader of a changed Russia.

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Boris Yeltsin

course of economic reform, managing to slow runaway inflation, attract some foreign investment and put about 70 per cent of industrial potential in private hands.

Most important for Mr. Yeltsin, the leaders of Russian regions, political parties and public groups, excluding the most radical opposition, have lived up to a fact pledging to avoid political violence.

"Our main accomplishment is that civic peace has become a real fact of our life, reflecting a radical change in the general poli-

tical climate in the country," a presidential spokesman, Anatoly Krasikov, said.

"Even those parties and groups that refused to sign the agreement have been actually adhering to the same rules of the game, forced to do so by the overall political climate," Mr. Krasikov said in an interview with the Associated Press.

That tranquil climate, however, may change this fall. Opposition groups ranging from ultranationalists to Communists plan a campaign of demonstrations and strikes against Mr. Yeltsin's government. They are demanding that Mr. Yeltsin, whose term runs to July 1996, hold early presidential elections.

"There will be a political struggle" and aggravation of social tensions in some regions, Economics Minister Alexander Shokhin said recently.

The president's top aide, Vyacheslav Kostikov, forecast a "brawny" political season but said "the extremists will fail to provoke

a fire in the country."

Opposition rallies have drawn several thousand people at best in recent months. But the opposition can point to its own gains.

Although the new parliament has a much better relationship with Mr. Yeltsin than its rebel predecessor, the lower house is dominated by nationalists and conservative-minded lawmakers who have tried to slow privatisation of the economy. They also granted amnesty to Mr. Yeltsin's enemies.

Government opponents hope to capitalise on economic woes — still-painful inflation, high taxes and the threat of unemployment stemming from plans to convert large state industries to a private ownership and declare some unprofitable ones bankrupt.

Mr. Yeltsin's administration lacks qualified experts in banking, taxation, macroeconomics and common law to deal with the economy, his administration head Sergei Filatov admitted recently.

Nearly two-thirds of senior officials in the executive branch have been replaced over the past two years and civil service appointments remain a political battlefield, Mr. Filatov wrote in the newspaper Izvestia.

Mr. Yeltsin is facing other challenges, such as public anger at mounting crime and discontent in the army, which is unhappy about budget cuts, the speedy pullout from cozy bases abroad and lack of busing at home.

The 63-year-old president also is dogged by persistent rumours of health problems. Mr. Yeltsin took several vacations this year, although his staff and doctor insist he is in good shape.

Political observers note that Mr. Yeltsin, whose activity runs in cycles, is going through a period of detachment, rarely appearing in public and dealing with the country through decrees drafted at his office or country house.

However, during one widely publicised recent appearance at a farewell ceremony for Russian troops in Germany, a red-faced Yeltsin blew kisses to the crowd, led a German band and sang boisterously.

Izvestia said many Russians were uneasy and even ashamed of their leader's behaviour, and the opposition accused him of being drunk.

Apartheid dead but S. African protests still rage

By Anton Ferreira
Reuter

JOHANNESBURG — President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC), long accustomed to leading protests against former white rulers, is now struggling to deal with protesters against itself.

A sense of déjà vu gripped South Africans last week as smoke billowed from burning barricades and public buildings in tense townships and police opened fire with birdshot to disperse violent demonstrators.

The problem is that the ANC has a majority in parliament but they don't have real power yet — they don't have control at local level.

"People on the ground are angry because they're still being treated as

second-class citizens. It's a breeding ground for extremism."

The Star, one of South Africa's most widely read newspapers, said in an editorial that a culture of ungovernability was becoming the order of the day.

"It is becoming a pattern which left unchecked might spread throughout the country and turn ours into a society of anarchists," it said.

"The government should take the lead in telling the masses that the new times we live in demand new responses."

Mr. Mandela himself issued a warning over the weekend that his government would not tolerate protests that went too far.

"The setting aside of public property as we witnessed recently is an act which if not ceased further, will prompt the government to consider actions to ensure that this does not happen again," he told a rally in the northern Cape Town of Springbok.

"We have to stop looking at ourselves as the opposition. Our militancy must be dedicated to improving production and the creation of more job opportunities," he said.

The ANC, which won South Africa's first all-race elections in April with 62 per cent of the vote, called frequent general strikes and mass marches in the run-up to the poll.

Last week ANC officials

condemned the same tactics when used by disgruntled coloureds, saying enemies of the government were trying to undermine post-apartheid reconstruction.

The Johannesburg-based financial daily business day said recent protests were symptoms of a deeper malaise.

"President Mandela's government has so far done a reasonable job of managing the expectations aroused by its election but the belief of people in many sectors that they are due a liberation dividend is far from over," an editorial said.

"The miracle election which filled parliament and provincial legislatures with new faces, new policies and

new hopes has to some extent failed ordinary people because democracy must mean more than a vote every five years."

Mr. Booysse described the protests as the growing pains of democracy.

"We need to create middle ground between people's expectations and the ability of the government to meet those expectations," he said.

Mr. Booysse said the perceptions of investors about South Africa's stability had improved dramatically since the elections.

"In terms of investment risks, South Africa has dropped from near the danger zone to somewhere close to the ideal zone," he said.

Berbers stage strike

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was being drawn up for what

will be Israel's first referen-

dum in line with Mr. Rabin's

pledge to consult the people

before any major pullout.

The wording, to include

reference to withdrawal

phases, normalisation and

security arrangements, would

present the agreement as a

"package deal" on which

Israelis should vote "yes" or "no."

Meanwhile official Syrian

newspapers charged that

Israel was looking for an ex-

cuse to avoid a full withdrawal

by stirring a domestic rum-

pous.

Fifteen Golani settlers are

spearheading protests with a

hunger strike claiming Mr.

Rabin is ready for a tall

pullout.

Mr. Ross went on the Gaza

City to meet Palestine Li-

boration Organisation Chair-

man Yasser Arafat in the evening.

He returns to Washington on Thursday.

On Monday, Mr. Rabin

won approval from his

uneasy Labour Party to con-

tinue the contacts and reiter-

ated his pledge to submit a

land-for-peace deal with

Syria to a referendum. The

party rejected a motion that

would have required a special

65 per cent majority in the

referendum.

Labour Party General Secre-

tary Nissim Zvili told a

poliburo meeting on Mon-

day that a parliamentary bill

How men have taken the law into their own hands

By Dorothy Munyakho

NAIROBI — The global movement for women's reproductive rights is struggling to maintain its momentum on the African continent, partly because the long arm of the law is often still too short to reach African women.

Modern marriage laws, for example, appear to have great scope to protect African women's reproductive rights and to enhance their social status. But study after study reveals wide discrepancies between the written word and actual practice.

Take Kenya's African Christian Marriage and Divorce Act. It rules out polygamy and makes adultery a ground for divorce. It is illegal for both men and women marrying under the act to contract another marriage under any other law or custom. The penalty for breaking the law is a jail term of up to five years.

The legislation is clear and strong. And it doesn't work.

The reason for its ineffectiveness is that men can ignore it and women are afraid to rock the boat by trying to use it.

Divorce is a risky option for a woman who is econo-

mically dependent on her husband. In the words of a Swahili saying: "Mnyonge hana haki" — "A poor person has no rights." Even worse, she could lose custody of her children. In addition, she would be jeopardising her very status, which traditionally derives from her male relations — her father and brothers while she is single and her husband and male in-laws after marriage.

U.S. says it has 'turned corner' in competitiveness

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States is outbacking its rivals in the race for economic supremacy but it cannot afford to gloat since severe problems persist, the Clinton administration said in a study released Wednesday.

The report to Congress — "competing to win in a global economy" — included a laundry list of statistics to back up the administration claim that it is winning the cut-throat battle for world economic leadership.

And the reason behind the apparent pickup in the nation's competitiveness? "the new kind of Democrat" now in power, according to Commerce Secretary Ron Brown.

"The fact that key indicators of our competitiveness and economic health are extremely positive... demonstrates that this good news is no accident but the result of Clinton administration policies," Mr. Brown said in prepared testimony to the Senate Banking Committee.

Mr. Brown highlighted the administration's success in cutting the budget deficit and in "pushing new trade and technology initiatives as key to the enhanced US.. competitiveness."

The bottom line of this report is that the economy is back on track and that prospects in the global marketplace are very bright," Mr. Brown said. "America has been very much on the move

in the world economy in the first eighteen months of the Clinton administration."

Economists have been embroiled for years in debate about national competitiveness and what governments can — and should — do to help their firms prosper overseas.

A senior commerce official said the White House firmly believed government makes a difference, despite criticism that such strategies can amount to protectionist industrial policy.

"The central message of this report is that competition is still a very critical concept and that it should be, and is, a national priority," said the official.

"We are in good shape vis-a-vis our competitors," he added.

Mr. Brown said the U.S. standard of living was the highest among the seven richest nations. Gross domestic product per capita in the United States totals \$23,200, against Germany's \$20,400 and Japan's \$19,700, according to the report.

Indeed, most of the statistics that should be up, are up, said Mr. Brown, and those that must come down, are down.

Economic growth, employment, productivity and plant and equipment spending are all on the rise, he said, while the deficit, inflation and the unemployment rate are headed lower.

IMF will not expel Sudan

KHARTOUM (AFP) — Sudanese Finance Minister Abdalla Hassan Ahmad Wednesday announced that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has unanimously voted that Sudan should not be expelled from it as was recently proposed.

Mr. Ahmad said that the IMF board of directors had decided not to recommend the compulsory withdrawal of Sudan from a meeting of the governors due to be held next month, the official SUNA news agency reported.

America must also start competing in brand new fields.

Sudan was threatened with expulsion from the IMF for failing to pay more than \$1.2 billion in arrears and for what the organisation considered as a failure to adopt economic reforms to meet its terms.

The Islamic-backed government responded that the IMF moves were politically motivated, since it had taken measures going even beyond those demanded by the fund.

In the past month, an IMF delegation came to Sudan for several meetings with senior economic officials.

Reporting the IMF decision Wednesday, the daily Al Sudan Al Hadeeth said it was based on a report submitted by the delegation, which had found that Sudan had carried out all commitments regarding the payment of its installments to the fund.

S. Africa unwraps blueprint for reconstruction

CAPE TOWN (R) — South Africa Wednesday unveiled a \$7.5 billion rand (\$10.5 billion) blueprint for development fuelled by government savings, economic growth and a state lottery.

This white paper is a first step in what will be a major programme of transformation involving government and society," Jay Naidoo, manager of South Africa's post-apartheid recovery, told reporters at a pre-release news briefing.

President Nelson Mandela said in a preamble to the 60-page reconstruction and development programme (RDP) that it would eliminate the backlog created by the racial policies of apartheid and address inequalities.

"Our people elected us because they want change. Change is what they will get. While the government cannot meet all these needs overnight, we must put firmly into place the concrete goals, timeframes and strategies in Mr. Mandela's coalition government of national unity, presented the RDP to a parliamentary select committee on post-apartheid redevelopment.

He said parliament would hold public hearings and accept submissions on the proposals before putting the plan to debate in the national assembly in November.

The detailed policy programme cannot be put on the table now. The government has certain ideas, but the success of the RDP depends on a broad range of ideas from throughout society," he said.

Mr. Naidoo said a wide range of committees and task teams at national, provincial and local levels, including community forums, would manage the programme.

"It's going to be difficult. The most important challenge is going to be to get the local governments moving. That's where the RDP is going to be implemented," he said.

"It will take place within every department and every tier of government," he said. "The issue is about transferring resources from where they are now to where they are needed."

South Africa last year emerged from a four-year recession — the worst on record — that left a legacy of unemployment estimated at up to 50 per cent amongst blacks and a deficit of 6.6 per cent of gross domestic product.

Schools in mainly black areas receive a third of the funding per pupil given to schools in mainly white areas, mainly black rural areas have few hospitals and roads in virtually non-existent.

Mr. Naidoo said the RDP would be financed mainly by savings in government departments of 2.5 billion rand (\$685 million) this year, rising by 2.5 billion rand a year to 10 billion rand (\$2.7 billion in fiscal 1997/98).

He said the public service, which accounts for more than half of government spending, would be reduced by three per cent a year through a policy natural attrition.

Plans for RDP funding through a state lottery, forbidden under four decades of Calvinist white Afrikaner rule, were also close to completion, he said.

Bernie Fanaroff, Mr. Naidoo's chief adviser, said he believed the major obstacle would be the lack of infrastructure in South Africa's impoverished rural areas to implement the recovery.

Mr. Naidoo, a former leader of the powerful Congress of South African Trade Unions, said the promotion of employment through small business development would be central to the recovery.

"The focus of growth for us in government will be the small and medium enterprise sector," he said, adding that blacks excluded from the production side of the economy under apartheid would have to be encouraged to move from retail into small-scale manufacturing.

Syria moves to boost the government sector

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has issued a decree freeing the public sector from bureaucratic red tape which hampered productivity, officials and economic sources said on Wednesday.

The new decree, which replaced a 20-year-old law, gives authority to the management of state-run companies and scraps old procedures under which they needed approval from higher government bodies for any business venture.

Moroccan growth seen falling sharply in '95

CASABLANCA (R) — The Moroccan economy, forecast to grow at an average 11 per cent in 1994, is likely to shrink to only two per cent growth in 1995, a Moroccan think-tank said Tuesday.

"Based on 1994's indicators, we forecast an average growth of two per cent in Morocco's gross domestic product (GDP) next year," Nabil Berrada, a spokesman for the authoritative Centre Marocain de Conjoncture (CMC), said.

"We have to be realistic because we cannot predict whether the next cereal harvest will be good or not," he added.

Morocco had a good harvest this year with plentiful rains yielding 9.4 million tonnes of cereals. The agricultur-

al sector helped to boost the economy and was expected to have a positive impact on 1995 figures, CMC said.

Droughts were responsible for negative growth in 1992 and 1993, when Morocco had to import nearly three million tonnes of cereals at a cost of \$2.0 billion.

"The country is returning to normal growth and two per cent growth is realistic... compared with negative growth of the previous years (1992, 1993)," Mr. Berrada said.

Local newspapers have quoted Moroccan officials as projecting growth of six to seven per cent in 1995.

The finance ministry's objectives for 1994 were to keep the budget deficit to 1.4

per cent, the current account deficit to 2.1 per cent and total inflation at four per cent.

The CMC report shows inflation reached 5.6 per cent in the first semester of 1994. It predicts a budget deficit of seven billion dirhams (\$800 million) by the end of the

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 1994

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Avoid going off on any tangents as the Sun moves into Libra this evening and don't make any unnecessary changes that could lead to more restrictions. Don't confide in a stranger but be charming.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Steer clear of that money problem with another and you can then carry through with activities of work you have in mind.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Avoid one who is inclined to join best interests and look to family for the support you may need this time for you to be successful.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Finances should be uppermost on your mind. You can handle them well, provided you forget a jealous romance.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Rely on yourself and charm others into doing what you want which is a constructive nature. Avoid opposition from your loved ones.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Walk and drive with greater care than usual. Don't change those particular plans you want to put into operation shortly.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Forget the financial side of life and concentrate on more private, personal affairs and improve them. Spend time with friends and loved ones.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Get into some kind of civic tasks which will give you added prestige and stop being demanding with friends and others close to you.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Be with persons who have your interests at heart and have good ideas. Steer clear of irate higher-ups who impede your progress.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Get into money matters which are worthwhile and of real scope and be ready to do the tasks which can bring big success to you at this time.

Birthstone of September: Sapphire — Lapis Lazuli

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 1994

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The Moon in Taurus opposes both Venus and Jupiter making it difficult to express emotions and affections. Material and domestic difficulties surface and it isn't a good time for organising social events.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) If you adopt a new attitude, you can be more successful with your capabilities. A more charming manner and courtesy is required.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) If you confide your plans for the future with your family, you can get fine results with them. Apply your best efforts on a new project.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Plan how to become more successful in the future and get busy at novel activities. Use much care in motion of all kind.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Any monetary ideas you have should not be limited for lack of vision by others. You are capable of more than you think.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Devise a plan by which you can make your fondest dreams come true and then start the wheels rolling in the right direction to get your desires.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) If you get in touch with a very successful person you know, you can be informed how best to increase your own success and be noticed by higher-ups.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) If you bring a group of friends together who are successful, you can have a happy time, as well as gain valuable data which you are in need of.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Get your talents to the attention of some influential person tactfully and you can gain fine benefits you are anxious to obtain.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Adding to present interests is wise today since there is every opportunity to do so. Your intuition is on target today for your success.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Study into new systems for handling your affairs and you can make greater progress in business in the days ahead.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You are gregarious and this is a good day to see as many persons as you can who can be very helpful to you in your daily activities.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Get busy early at improving your surroundings so that you can be more comfortable in them. You can now discover new ways to be more productive.

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Russian premier says non-payment top priority

MOSCOW (R) — Unravelling a tangle of corporate debt is Russia's top economic priority and holds the key to future reform, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said.

In an interview published in the Rossiyskiye Vesti government daily Wednesday, Mr. Chernomyrdin said Russian industry's problems were linked to the crisis over massive debts and unpaid bills — put at 112 trillion rubles (\$48 billion) at end-June.

"In a word, the main issue of current policy is discipline in payments and normalising the accounting system in the economy," he said. "If we will be able to speak about reform reaching a new frontier."

Many enterprises in Russia have stopped paying suppliers and their own em- ployees in the hope the government will step in.

"This (non-payments) in the Gordian knot of our economy. It cannot be cut immediately. We need coordinated, well thought-out action across the whole front of economic reform," Mr. Chernomyrdin said.

Western bankers and analysts view the non-payments crisis as a key stumbling block on the road to reform. They caution that if the government pumps in cash to solve the problem, inflation would rise and economic stabilisation would be threatened.

A government commission under first deputy prime minister Oleg Sokovets has been charged with sorting out the crisis and Mr. Chernomyrdin said it had already made progress.

THE BETTER HALF By Glasbergen



"I bought that shirt for you because I believe in the power of suggestion!"

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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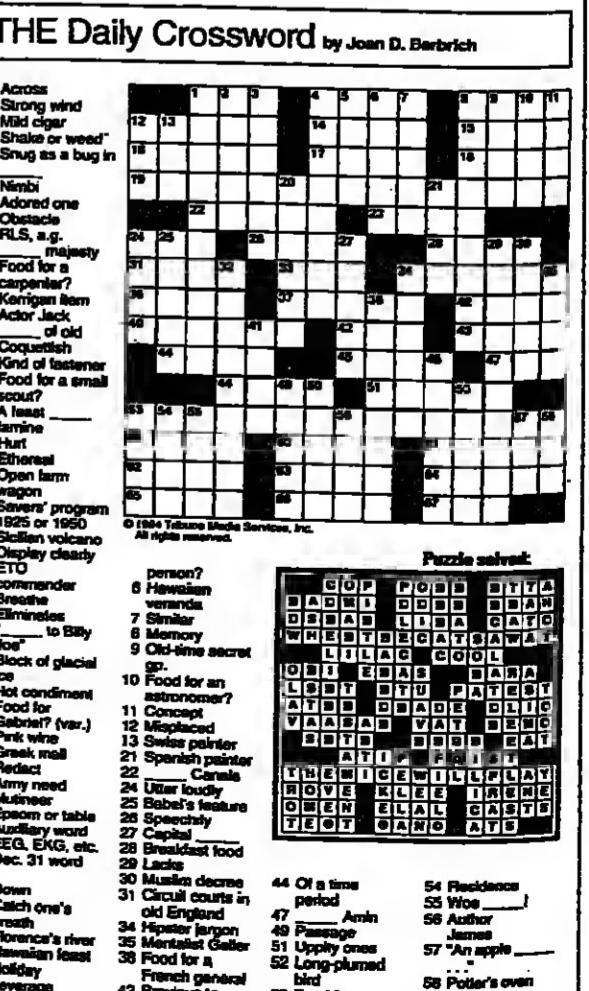
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Deutsche Mark	0.4492	0.4514
Swiss Franc	0.5413	0.5440
French Franc	0.1314	0.1321
Japanese Yen	0.7100	0.7136
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Belgian Franc	*****	*****

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Kuwaiti Dinar	0.3150	0.3490
Qatari Riyal	0.1900	0.1920
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2150
Omani Riyal	1.7370	1.8150
UAE Dirham	0.1655	0.1695
Greek Drachma	0.2765	0.3150
Cypriot Pound	1.3575	1.3965

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Oman plans long-term industrial drive with Japanese help

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The Gulf state of Oman intends to set up large projects as part of a long-term industrial drive with Japanese help to diversify its oil-reliant economy, its trade and industry minister said.

Makbul Ibn Ali Sultan said the projects, involving petrochemicals and other industries, would be based on intensive capital and technology as Oman presses ahead with plans to reduce dependence on foreign labour.

"The ministry is planning

to step up support and incentives for existing industries and new export-oriented projects," Mr. Makbul said in an introduction to a new book on Oman's economy, extracts of which were obtained by AFP here Wednesday.

"We are also conducting studies on an industrial development strategy that will stretch until the year 2005 and involve giant ventures in order to boost the industrial sector's share in the economy. It will be implemented in cooperation with the

Japanese Agency for International Cooperation," he wrote.

Oman, which is not an OPEC member, has launched sweeping economic reforms to offset weak oil prices that have created a persistent deficit in its budget and forced it to revise the current five-year development plan.

The reforms focus on privatisation, attracting investment and providing incentives to industrial ventures. The government has

approved a giant petrochemical project at a cost of \$700-\$800 million, to be financed mainly by the private sector. Oman is the first Gulf state to admit private funds into petrochemicals.

Another giant project on the cards is a six-billion-dollar gas liquefaction plant, which will produce nearly six million tonnes per year when it is completed in 2000.

Other ventures include a \$300 million power plant and two sewage treatment pro-

jects which will all be managed by the private sector.

Mr. Makbul said the long-term plan also included setting up more industrial zones similar to those in Russia, Risot and Sahar. He said the new zones would be based in Niwa, Sur, Buraimi and Masandam, which controls the vital Hormuz Strait, a passageway for nearly one fifth of the world's oil exports.

Oman produces around 800,000 barrels per day of oil, of which nearly 35 per cent is

supplied in Japan, also a key exporter to the sultanate.

The reforms, which gained momentum after the Gulf war, have started to produce results, with officials reporting a rapid growth in the non-oil economy. From 7.6 per cent in 1991, the non-oil Gross Domestic Product surged by 12 per cent in 1992 and nine per cent in 1993.

Officials said they expected high growth rates in 1994 due to a sharp increase in local and foreign investment and establishment of new ventures.

Asia may spend \$140 billion to keep oil flowing — expert

SINGAPORE (AFP) — Asian economies may have to spend up to \$140 billion on extra refining capacity over the next 15 years to keep pace with rapid growth in oil consumption, an international petroleum conference

heard Wednesday.

Securing this level of capital investment along with the required technical capabilities will be a challenge to the government of many developing Asian countries," said Joseph Stanislaw of

U.S.-based Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA).

He told the 10th Asia Pacific Petroleum Conference (APPEC) here that more state-owned refining companies would be commercialised or privatised and former state monopolies would be opened to private investments to meet higher refining capacity.

Asia could witness a refining capacity shortfall of at least 700,000 barrels per day by the year 2000, officials said.

Mr. Stanislaw said that Asia's developing economies would also have to invest heavily to equip new refineries with sophisticated tech-

nology in line with more stringent environmental standards and to increase in transportation fuels.

Mr. Stanislaw, head of CERA's global research team, said that in three years, oil consumption in Asia, including Japan, would exceed that of North America.

CERA estimates that by 2005, total Asian oil consumption would have grown by nine to 10 million barrels per day (MBD) from current production of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Current production in Asia — where reserves and prospects for significant future growth in regional produc-

tion are limited — was just under seven MBD, officials said. The region imports an additional nine million MBD.

"The shift in oil's demand epicenter from North America to Asia and Asia's growing reliance on Middle East oil will have a profound impact on trading and commercial relationships," Mr. Stanislaw said.

Middle East oil producing

countries, be said, would further develop their downstream interests in Asia, while Asia countries would become increasingly involved in the financial and technical requirements of developing Middle East oil and gas production capacity.

Some 300 oil experts attended the three-day conference which ended Wednesday.

Kuwait said needing wide foreign oil role

KUWAIT (R) — Former oil minister Ali Al Baghli has

said Kuwait should allow foreign firms to become involved in production in all its oilfields, not just marginal ones, in return for cost-cutting technologies.

"He (Baghli) stressed the importance of widening the range of partnership to include all of the oil regions and not to restrict them to the southern or northern regions since all reservoirs need intensive care under the depletion that some of these reservoirs have been subjected to," Al Watan Daily said.

Kuwait for the past year has been discussing the possibility of reversing 20 years of nationalisation and allowing foreign firms a share in exploration and production in marginal fields in northern areas near the Iraqi border in return for capital investment

and technology transfer. Kuwait has held open the possibility that successful foreign partners might eventually be allowed a share of its main fields holding almost 10 per cent of the world's crude oil reserves.

The project is the subject of wide foreign interest because of Kuwait's low production costs and ample reserves. Any such move would have to be approved by parliament.

Sheikh Baghli, who was oil minister for 18 months until April this year, said in an interview foreign expertise was needed to reduce oil production costs, especially at a time of low oil prices. Al Watan reported.

"We must not hasten in foreign partnership issues. (We should) study all of the proposed forms of partnership and then take suitable decisions about them," said Sheikh Baghli.

"It is possible to give these companies incentives linked to success in transferring expertise and improving fields, by giving them a certain percentage of production in later stages rather than by giving them (equity) partnerships in previously defined oil fields," he said without elaborating.

Kuwaitis say that in view of lingering Iraqi hostility long-term oil joint ventures with Gulf war allies would give allies a bigger stake in Kuwait's continued existence and stability.

Property development slows in China

BEIJING (AFP) — Property development in China, which soared spectacularly in 1993, has begun to slow down this year, a senior Chinese official has said.

But investment will still continue at a high level due to the large number of projects undertaken over the past two years, said Li Zhen-dong, vice-minister of construction.

Li, quoted by the China Daily, said that property investment had slowed in the first six months of this year. Investments had risen 43.9 per cent during the period, although this was some 100 points less than the growth recorded in the similar period last year, he said.

This had allowed the government to cut back on the number of new projects by freezing credit to builders of luxury apartments, hotels and offices. "Investment priorities are now given to projects associated with key state industrial projects and urban residential housing," he said.

Mr. Li was speaking at a meeting to launch the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, which will be tasked with organising professional exams nationwide for people wanting to obtain government approval to work in the field.

The first exams are set for the end of this year or early next year.

There are currently some 50,000 people working as appraisal experts for some 8,000 agencies around the country.

The country's first law on urban housing, which comes into force Jan. 1, seeks to regulate valuation, particularly in urban areas.

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Big names left red-faced in the English League Cup

LONDON (AFP) — Four premiership sides were left red-faced after defeats by lower division opposition in the English League Cup second round late Tuesday.

Manchester City, West Ham and Crystal Palace went down to Third Division Barnet, Lincoln City and Walsall respectively, while Everton face a tough second-leg return at Portsmouth, after losing 3-2 at Goodison Park.

The Merseysiders, without a victory this season, could have been dead and buried after two goals from Gerry Creaney and one from the Dane, Bjorn Kristiansen, had sent the First Division visitors racing into a three goal lead.

However, a Vinny Samways long-range effort and a Graham Stuart penalty — following a foul on Nigerian international, Daniel Amokachi — restored some pride and gave the Toffees a glimmer of hope.

A second-minute goal by Barnet's Dougie Freedman — handed a free-transfer by Queen's Park Rangers during the summer — was enough to

sink Manchester City at Underhill.

City battle back desperately, but found the Londoners' goalkeeper, Gary Phillips, in magnificent form.

Lincoln winger, Dave Putnam, scored the only goal of the game against Crystal Palace in the 61st minute at Sinclair Bank. The visitors had missed a string of chances in the opening stages.

The most embarrassed man of the night was West Ham skipper, Steve Potts, who put through his own goal to give Walsall a 2-1 first-leg victory at the Bescot Stadium.

The hosts' Cameroonian international, Charlie Ntiamah, had earlier also scored an own goal, cancelling out Stuart Watkiss' 25th minute strike.

Blackburn Rovers, embarrassed in a 1-0 UEFA Cup defeat by Swedish part-timers, Trelleborgs a week ago, made sure there was no repeat as goals by Jason Wilcox and five-million-pound man, Chris Sutton, gave them a 2-0 victory over

Second Division Birmingham at Ewood Park.

An injury-time goal by Matthew le Tissier gave Southampton a 1-0 win against another Second Division outfit, Huddersfield, while England striker, Les Ferdinand ensured victory by the same margin for Queen's Park Rangers at Third Division Carlisle.

Conventry City gave themselves a one-goal cushion for the home second leg against Wrexham, thanks to a headed Sean Flynn goal 12 minutes from time at the Racecourse Ground.

The Sky Blues scored first in their 2-1 win through Julian Darby in the 37th minute, with Barry Jones equalising five-minutes later for the Second Division hosts.

Top scorers of the night were First Division Sheffield United, visitors by 5-1 at Stockport. Dane Whitehouse bagged a hat-trick — including two goals in the last two minutes — to add to a brace from Norwegian international, Jostein Flo.



Lineker announces retirement

LONDON (AFP) — Former England captain Gary Lineker announced his retirement Wednesday.

Lineker has been beset by injury problems since he joined Japanese side Nagoya Grampus Eight from Tottenham Hotspur in 1992.

The announcement brings down the curtain on a spectacular goalscoring career that started at Leicester City and also took in spells at Everton and Barcelona.

The news will disappoint a number of English clubs who had been hoping to striker — whose clean-cut image has made him something of an ambassador for the game —

would finish his career back home.

Lineker, who will be 34 in November, told BBC Radio: "I am certainly not what I was, and it has been frustrating not being able to perform like I used to."

"I suppose the decision was made for me because I didn't want to carry on not playing, and not moving the way I used to."

Lineker was top scorer with six goals in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico and also netted England's equaliser in the 1990 World Cup semifinal in Turin, before they were beaten on

penalties by the eventual champions, West Germany.

His glittering international career included a total of 48 goals — one short of Sir Bobby Charlton's record — but it came to a depressing close when he was substituted in his final game for his country, a European Championship finals defeat against host country Sweden, in 1992.

Lineker said: "I certainly want to stay involved in the game in some way, but being a coach or manager doesn't appeal. My ambitions are towards the media side of the game."

Europe's finest coaches plan for future dominance

STOCKHOLM (R) — Europe's international soccer coaches gathered in force in Sweden Tuesday to lay down the strategies they and UEFA hope will keep the continent's teams on top of the world for the rest of the decade.

The European Football Union, wary of the speed with which African and Asian countries are closing in, have taken the unprecedented step of coaching the coaches in a bid to maintain Europe's superiority on the soccer pitch.

After filling seven of the eight quarterfinal spots at this year's World Cup, UEFA are determined to ensure European teams dominate again at the 1998 finals in France.

Former Scotland coach Andy Roxburgh, who organised the first ever coaches' convention for UEFA, said: "Europe cannot afford to be complacent. We had a successful World Cup in America, but Africa and Asia are catching up, and FIFA are possibly having to sit in the back seat of soccer."

"Other countries are catching up very quickly and if you don't go forward in this game you go backwards," he said. "European countries did themselves proud at the World Cup in America, but we're being told it's not a time to rest on our laurels and say now we've achieved everything."

"Everybody here's in the same boat, we all have similar problems and we can discuss them and if we can learn anything at all from that it's got to be worthwhile."

Roxburgh, UEFA's full-time technical director, has designed a series of seminars based on World Cup tactics aimed at sparking new ideas among the coaches.

"This is basically an educational exercise and we have brought them together to collectively examine the World Cup and what happened. We must keep ahead of the trends and what is happening."

"The game is changing all the time, constantly moving ahead with many subtleties."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Taiwan may cut China links

TAIPEI (AFP) — Taiwan may suspend sporting and cultural links with China because of Beijing's hostility to President Lee Teng-Hui visiting Japan for next month's Asian Games. Yeh Chin-Feng, vice chairman of the cabinet's Mainland Affairs Council (MAC), also said Tang Shuei, a Chinese official who handles relations with Taiwan, may be declared persona non grata. Tang, vice chairman of China's Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait (ARATS), accused Taiwan in an interview with a Chinese-language newspaper in San Francisco last week of interfering in sports by organising Lee's visit. He also ridiculed Taipei's efforts to rejoin the United Nations and other international organisations. Lee was invited by the Olympic Council of Asia but after China's protests, the OCA banned "political figures" from the event and Monday Lee scrapped his plan to attend the games opening ceremony. China is still protesting at Taiwan's plans to send Vice Premier Hsu Li-Teb, Education Minister Kuo Wei-Fan and Taiwan Sports Federation head Kuo Tsung-Ching to Hiroshima to lobby for Taipei's bid to host the 2002 Asian Games.

Passarella nose job raises a stink

Buenos Aires (AFP) — Argentina's controversial new football coach Daniel Passarella is already getting up his players' noses. The former World Cup hero is insisting that everyone selected for the Argentine squad must have a nasal test to detect cocaine abuse. In recent times, Argentina has been embarrassed by a couple of celebrated sniffs who were caught while playing in Italy. First, Diego Maradona was banned for 15 months in 1992 and last year Claudio Caniggia received a 13-month suspension. Passarella, Argentina's World Cup-winning captain in 1978, is determined that nothing so unsavoury will happen while he's in charge. But although his solution to the problems might put a few noses out of joint, it comes as no surprise to most Argentinians who are familiar with his offbeat edicts in his search of only the sweet smell of success. When Passarella was coach of River Plate, one of Latin America's leading clubs, he ordered everyone to get a short-back-and-sides haircut.

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Russian junior world champ Lysak banned for doping

MONACO (R) — Double world junior champion Yelena Lysak of Russia has been banned from competition pending a hearing after failing a drug test in July. International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) sources said Wednesday.

The sources said the 18-year-old Lysak, who won a unique double in the long jump and triple jump in July at the World Junior Championships in Lisbon, tested positive for the steroid stanazolol at the European Junior Cup in Cologne July 30.

Both samples of Lysak's urine test showed traces of stanazolol, the steroid used by Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, and she has been suspended until the Russian federation holds a hearing, the sources added.

Lysak is the fourth Russian to be suspended for doping this year and the 30th international athlete to be banned.

Regarded as one of the most promising young athletes of her generation, Lysak beat world junior record holder Reo Ruiping of China in Lisbon in the triple jump with a leap of 14.43 metres.

It was the best mark ever recorded by a junior but will not go down in the

record books as it was wind-assisted.

Last year Lysak won the European junior title with a 13.86 metres jump which was then a world junior record.

The IAAF confirmed that another Russian suspended for doping, former world 100 metres hurdles champion Lyudmila Narozhilenko, was still banned from competition despite a Moscow court ruling overturning her suspension.

Narozhilenko was given a four-year ban last year after testing positive for an anabolic steroid at an indoor meeting in France but she took her case to a Moscow district court which declared the ban unlawful.

Narozhilenko contended the drug had been administered to her by her husband without her knowledge.

The Russian Athletics Federation said it would ignore the court ruling and stick to IAAF regulations.

An IAAF spokesman said the Russian Federation had acted correctly and that Narozhilenko would still be banned from international competition.

But he said the situation could become more complicated if Narozhilenko applied to compete at a meeting in Russia.



Top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain returns the ball to Naoko Kijimuta of Japan during their first round match of the Nichirei women's tennis tournament Wednesday. Sanchez defeated Kijimuta 6-0, 6-0 (AFP photo)

Top-seeded Sanchez Vicario scores easy victory in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, keeping her championship form from the U.S. and French Opens, made short work Wednesday of Japanese qualifier Naoko Kijimuta in the first round of the Nichirei International Ladies Tennis Championships.

The Spanish player blanked Kijimuta, ranked 134th in the world, 6-0, 6-0 in 54 minutes on the hard court of Ariake Colosseum.

"It's always important to get accustomed to the court and balls in the first match of a tournament. I am always doing my best and playing 100 per cent in every tournament," said Sanchez

Vicario, the world's No. 2-ranked woman player.

Asked about her two Grand Slam tournament victories, she said, "I think I am now much stronger on fast surfaces after a lot of practice and I am mentally stronger now."

"I lost concentration and she played pretty well in the second set," Davenport said.

Eighth-seeded Julie Halar of France beat Argentine Mercedes Paz 6-2, 7-2 and Japan's Naoko Sawamatsu, the ninth seed, outlasted hard-hitting Wang Shi-Ting of Taiwan 6-0, 4-6, 6-1 in other first-round matches.

Third-seeded Lindsay Davenport of the United States needed three sets and 2 hours, 25 minutes to beat

Japanese qualifier Kaoru Shihata 6-2, 4-6, 6-0.

The 18-year-old Davenport, ranked eighth in the world, was broken by Shihata, ranked 624th, in the second, fourth, sixth and 10th games of the second set.

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The singles winner receives \$80,000 from a total purse of \$400,000.

Ma to market elixir at Hiroshima

BELING (AP) — China's flamboyant track coach Ma Junren, whose long-distance women runners broke a string of world records last year, plans to market his elixir during the Asian Games next month. An official report said Wednesday.

Ma's health drink, a secret mix of Chinese herbs and medicine, is already on sale in China under the name "Ma's Army — No. 1." The report in the Beijing Youth daily said his runners are quaffing the herbal drinks in preparation for the Asian Games opening Oct. 2 in Hiroshima, Japan.

The paper said Ma denied rumours that his runners are

given a stronger version of the drink than what he markets. It added that drug testers invariably will be keeping a close eye on what Ma's runners eat and drink because of allegations that the women were taking illegal performance-enhancing drugs when they broke the world records.

But several drug tests have all come back negative, and the paper said Ma is confident that his drink does not violate any regulations.

The coach plans to take sales agents with him to the Hiroshima Games, where he hopes to sign contracts with Japanese buyers for his sports drink even as he's checking his team, the paper said.

His primary objective at the Asian Games is to win gold medals rather than break world records because the gold medals are the best way to promote the elixir, the report said.

Ma started to market his sports drink because of lack of funding to train his runners. They had to run barefoot until their feet were bloodied because they wore through their sneakers too quickly and there was no money to buy new ones, they said.

The Asian Games will be the first competition in which Ma's runners will participate using proceeds from his sports drink, the paper said.

Union negotiator considers possible baseball strike-breaking attempt

ATLANTA (AP) — Donald Fehr isn't worried about maintaining American baseball player solidarity now. He's thinking about next February, when owners might open training camps in an effort to break the strike.

"It's my job to be concerned if there's still a strike at that point," Fehr said Tuesday after briefing 33 players from 19 teams. "I have not had an occasion to doubt the unity and the resolve of the players since it started, and I don't know."

Fehr met with players Atlanta for 3½ hours the start of his seven-city tour, and was to brief players Wednesday in Florida.

"What's going to happen?" Fehr said. "I don't know," Fehr said. "I think anyone knows. I think we're in co-man's land. I just hope there is a desire on the other side to try and reach an accommodation before things get a lot worse."

Tom Glavine, player representative of the Atlanta Braves, went into the meeting saying he couldn't speak for other teams.

"I know my guys haven't changed one bit," he said. "I think they fully understand what's going on. They are not about to agree to a salary cap

or anything that looks like a salary cap."

He came out of the meeting talking about the unity of those who attended.

"Everybody is on the same page," he said. "Everybody is behind it the way we've been all along."

Most of the players left the downtown hotel without stopping for interviews.

"I've got a golf game," said Ted McGriff of the Braves, apparently unconcerned that by the time he got through traffic to a course, it likely would be dark.

Fehr said he wished there could be a way to quickly resolve the strike "so that we can reassure the fans we're not going to have this problem next year. That requires them (owners) to want an agreement. So far, that hasn't been their choice. This is not easy stuff. The owners want to play hardball."

Brett Butler, the Los Angeles Dodgers' player representative, said the meeting was to clarify the executive board's position for players who were relying on news reports.

"Until they're ready to negotiate, all we can do is inform our players, keep hav-

ing these meetings and keep them up to snuff on what's going on," Butler said.

Glavine said so one came up with any new ideas.

"It's up to them to come back and talk to us if they ever want to," he said. "We all love baseball and we all want to play, but we don't want to play under those rules. That's the bottom line. The sooner owners understand that, the sooner we'll get together and get something done."

The sides haven't met since Sept. 9, and Fehr said there are no scheduled talks. The union believes owners will agree to a 12-month impasse in bargaining and will later implement the salary cap management they are insisting on.

"This is about breaking the union and getting their power back and ultimately getting a lot of money out of it," Glavine said.

Fehr is to testify Thursday in Washington before a congressional subcommittee investigating whether baseball's antitrust exemption should be removed. Acting commissioner Bud Selig also is to testify.

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The bidding:
North Pass South West
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1 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♦
It had been a quiet year for Tommy. Turnout at

the club had limited the amount of time he had played and members were beginning to forget how remarkable a player Tommy could be when trumps broke badly, offset by his poor performance the rest of the hands.

All that changed on Tommy's recent visit to the south, to the very first rubber, holding the South cards, he and partner bid to six spades on the auction shown. Tommy, not one for the niceties of a delicate probing sequence, took the lead by the horns. Once a spade fit was located, Tommy decided there was no room for a grand, but not enough for a grand and got there by the most direct route.

West led the jack of hearts and the blitzers were about to search for a more interesting table when Tommy won the first trick in hand and led a trump to the queen. East discarded a club.

The adrenalin began to flow in Tommy. If West's pattern were specifically 4-3-3-3, the contract would have been with a triple grand coup!

Tommy cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. The ace and king were followed by a club ruff. After cashing the king, queen and ace of diamonds, both West and Tommy were down to nothing, but three trump each and the lead was in Tommy. Tommy led the last club and ruffed with the pack of trumps!

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Hrawi lays foundation stone for new Beirut

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Lebanese President Elias Hrawi on Wednesday laid the foundation stone to a mammoth project to rebuild the shattered city centre of Beirut that has drawn heavy fire from critics.

Mr. Hrawi, flanked by the project's driving force Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, cringed at the opponents and said it was time they came to terms with the reality that the Beirut could never re-

"The hour of awakening has come. He who has only seen Beirut which has been destroyed is dead. Like he who has destroyed," said Mr. Hrawi, referring to the destruction caused by Lebanon's 15-year war.

Mr. Hrawi urged the people to help transform Beirut into a "pearl of beauty in the region."

He recalled that the capital city had been destroyed by wars, but it had risen from the rubble of dreams, and the same determination to do better.

The project is run by Solidere, a private company created by a government decree three years ago allowing foreign powers in the city to manage large tracts of land.

The scheme triggered a backlash from property owners who accused Solidere of profiting from the reconstruction of Beirut and its character.

Opposition politicians and the multi-billion dollar minister, the inspiration behind the Beirut project and who is seen as the largest slice of Solidere's worth some \$1 billion.

Solidere's firm has won contracts to build roads, bridges, sewer systems, underground parking lots and

provide the city centre with electricity for a total cost \$63 million.

But the final cost of rebuilding the city centre's infrastructure will run into \$475 million, according to Solidere.

It will cover an area of 1.8 million square metres, including 600,000 square metres on the Normandy landfill — a garbage dump which will be worth its weight in gold once it is built up.

Sociologist Nabil Beyhum said Solidere was transforming Beirut from an Ottoman city full of history into an artificial new town, like those built in the deserts of the Gulf.

It would be characterised by a "central authority controlling and redistributing wealth and, in the process, reorganising and weakening civil society," he said.

Lebanon Report, an English-language monthly newsletter, outlined the conflict between Solidere and opponents of the project under a banner heading "No Solidarity Downtown."

Faced with mounting criticism, the authorities reportedly modified twice the decree creating "Solidere" while the master plan, which initially promised a Manhattan-style city was shelved and a new one designed.

The current plan preserves the ancient souks and creates tree-lined promenades, hotels, marinas, housing areas and business centres as well as a large avenue running across the city centre to the Mediterranean Sea.

According to Nasser Shamaa, chairman of Solidere, the project is aimed at revitalising the Lebanese economy and restoring Beirut's traditional status as a financial capital in the Middle East.

The reconstruction work will mean thousands of jobs for the Lebanese. The start of the work will restore confidence in Lebanon, it will

mean the return of foreign money," he said.

But detractors of the project, like Marie, a housewife and property owner in the city centre, who refused to attend Wednesday's ceremony, said "all this is too

"What we need is electricity 24 hours a day, phones that work, an end to garbage pile-ups and a solution to the traffic on the roads."

To stir up public enthusiasm for the ambitious project, Lebanese diva Fairouz gave a concert in the downtown ruins on Saturday attended by 40,000 people.

Mr. Hrawi said rebuilding Beirut would give Lebanon back its heart.

The foundation stone carried a single word: "Beirut".

"We want this foundation stone that we are laying to be a stone that buries the whims of destruction," Mr. Hrawi told a VIP audience sheltering under a marquee from temperatures up to 30 Celsius (86 Fahrenheit).

"We want this foundation stone for a new age and a renewed presence," he said to a burst of applause.

Hundreds of balloons floated skywards as the 64-year-old Maronite Christian president laid the foundation stone next to the bullet-riddled martyrs' monument that was the focal point of Beirut's pre-war city centre.

"It is the foundation stone for rebuilding the heart — the heart of Lebanon and the heart of Beirut," Mr. Hrawi said.

"It is the foundation stone for relaunching the role of Lebanon and of Beirut. It is the corner stone for restoring peace, the peace of Lebanon and the peace of Beirut."

The Martyrs' Monuments, once the hub of bustling souks, cafes, banks, offices, cinemas and theatres, was at the heart of the fighting between rival forces that raged for 15 years.

half of self-rule implemented

ANNOUNCED JERUSALEM — Only eight of the 10 articles of the declaration of principles for self-rule have been fully implemented since after the document was signed, according to a Israeli and Palestinian official.

The Palestinian Peace Initiative Centre and the Israeli Joint List announced that they called their "achieving conclusion" at an East Jerusalem press conference on Wednesday.

The Pro-Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) centrist and leftist bloc largely agreed with and particularly Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's notion that "no one can be blamed for failing to honour his obligations."

The two sides liked the main condition of the declaration as "working."

Officials to the self-government council should have been held by July 13, but negotiations on modalities of a憲政 started yet.

The development of Israeli institutions populated in East Jerusalem on the West Bank, which took place on the first sections, Palestinian officials were to depict ahead of time.

Efforts to build the Jewish neighbourhoods in East Jerusalem violates the spirit of the agreement to negotiate in good faith and not to violate the status of the city of Jerusalem.

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The court said it accepted that "the limits of acceptable criticism were wider with regard to businessmen actively involved in the affairs of large public companies than with regard to private individuals, and that the risk of some uncompensated damage to reputation was inevitable if independent investigators... were to have the necessary freedom to report without fear."



protest held in Amman on Wednesday against the move of some Latin American embassies in Israel from Tel Aviv to occupied Jerusalem (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Amman protesters demand reversal of Guatemalan embassy move to Jerusalem

By Cathy King

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A group of around 35 people demonstrated outside the Guatemalan consulate in Samiouni on Wednesday in silent protestation against the transfer of some Latin American embassies to Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The ADC advocates the implementation of sanctions against the offending countries, should the decision to move the embassies be effected.

Egypt has already expressed its support for the ADC's cause.

The Arab League has boycotted trade with Costa Rica and El Salvador since the repositioning of their embassies. At a meeting held last week of the Arab League Council, it was agreed that similar action will be taken against other governments pursuing the same line of action.

Mr. Sukhtian said that not enough pressure had been exerted by Arab governments in the past. He hoped that the ADC's demonstration and actions will incite them to react accordingly.

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